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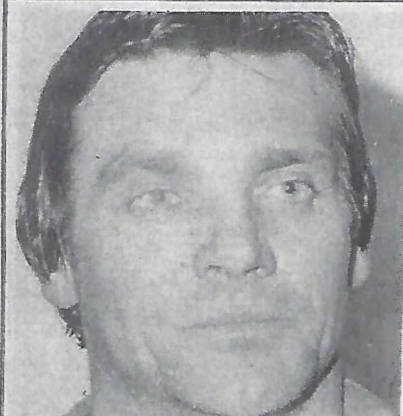
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Leszek Dzielakowski, former Motor Lublin captain, now goalkeeper of Polonia (Vic.)

Polish power for PSL?



By LAURIE SCHWAB

A composite Poliah-sponsored team from Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide for the Philips League! It's an idea we kick around at the St. Albans home of Leszek Dzielakowski, the giant goalkeeper of Polonia-Maribyrnong.

Janusz Przybyla, Polonia's latest recruit from Motor Lublin, is there too and he's just as enthusiastic about it as Dzielakowski.

Polonia's team manager Wally Klein and other club officials have

been considering the possibility for some time. Adelaide's Polonia also is keen on the idea.

The three clubs could retain teams in their respective State Leagues after releasing their top

Polonia stars back ambitious concept

players to the Polish PSL team. A whole new market would open to the PSL.

"If it could be done, such a team would be among the leaders in the Philips League," Dzielakowski says through his young son Paul who's acting as interpreter.

The top Polish players from Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney showed what could be done when they got together to win

the Solidarity Cup in Canberra.

That team included Stanczyk, Kozar and Kolecki from Adelaide, Galas, Sobczyk and Galowski from Sydney and Dzielakowski, Kryzinski, Smolarek and the Czarnik brothers from Melbourne.

At the moment, Polonia-Maribyrnong is concentrating on helping establish a big Polish community club at Albion but by the end of the season, according to Wally Klein, the time may be ripe for a round-table conference between the three cities.

Meanwhile, Dzielakowski and Przybyla turn their attention to the world soccer scene and to Polonia's return to the Victorian State League after winning the First Division championship last year.

We're talking to the men who, arguably, are

Polonia's top two players. Dzielakowski was by far the best goalkeeper in the First Division and he's sure to be the best in State League as well.

In fact, from what I've seen of him, Dzielakowski is the finest goalkeeper we've had in Victoria since Willie Schroff (Slavia) and Jack Reilly in his prime.

Dzielakowski is 33 but looks older — a bear of a man, but a shy one too. Przybyla, 31, is similarly quiet. It is the under-achievers who move their mouths the most. These two have done it all. Their reputations speak for them.

Both played for Motor Lublin — Dzielakowski for eight years, five as captain, and Przybyla for seven years, two as captain. Dzielakowski represented Poland at under 18 level against Sweden, Norway and Denmark. Przybyla was an under 21 representative against Czechoslovakia and Norway.

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18 REPLAYS AND THE FINAL LIVE

ABC to show World Cup

The Australian Broadcasting Commission has won exclusive rights to televise the World Cup finals in June and July.

The ABC will show one-hour highlights of 18 matches within 24 hours of them being played in Spain.

And it will broadcast the final live on July 11.

Although the package will give Australian viewers a comprehensive

overview of the World Cup, it is disappointing that there will be only one live coverage.

In other recent World Cups Australia at least was given a live coverage of the opening match and part of the opening ceremony.

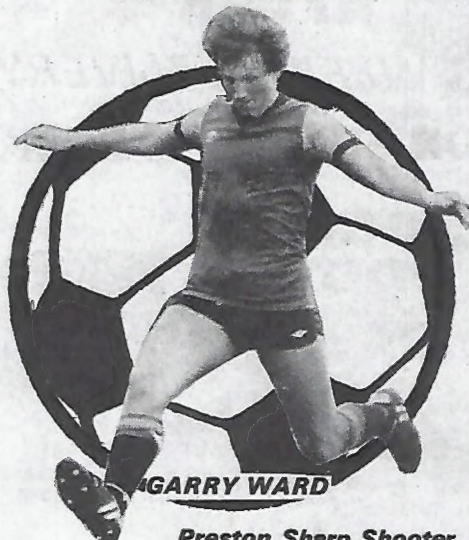
And there is no reason why a few of the important second-round matches should not be shown live, especially if they involve countries like Italy, England, Yugoslavia, Scotland or Germany, which all have a strong following in Australia.

The ABC has a grip on the finals because it is the only Australian network that is a member of the Asian Broadcasting Union — and it is the ABU that has won exclusive rights for this part of the world.

Meanwhile, television coverage is expected to be part of a sponsorship package to be announced by the Australian Soccer Federation in Sydney today (Wednesday).

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Dzielakowski, Przybyla: part of a dynasty

From page one

Before joining Motor Lublin, both were in the Legia Warsaw squad that won the 1969-70 Polish championship. Also in that squad were the heroes of the 1974 World Cup — Kaz Deyna, Robert Gadocha, Leslaw Cmikiewicz. Przybyla had more senior games than Dzielakowski that year, because Grotinski was the No. 1 goalkeeper.

And so, these two perpetuate the dynasty of top-class players who have come to Australia from Poland — a dynasty that includes stars of the past like Vic Janczyk, Marian Gasiot, Ziggie Gadecki, Mike Jurecki, Kaz Kowalec, Andrzej Zientara and Eddie Jankowski.

Yet another star is on the way. He is Stefan Mila from Vardja: an excellent midfielder.

It is the ambition of most Polish players to try their luck overseas. To do so, they have to apply to the Polish federation which gives permission only to the best (after they turn 30) — obviously to protect the reputation of Polish soccer abroad.

As much as Dzielakowski would like further to enhance that reputation, he does not believe that Polonia-Mariyngon can win another championship this year.

"We need a better goalkeeper," he quipped. More to the point, Po-

'Top teams like Hellas and Heidelberg could play in the Polish First Division.'

lonia could do with two defenders, and one forward, he adds.

On the credit side, Brendan Lalic, top scorer last season, has improved further on that form and Dzielakowski rates the midfield of Peter Czaplak, Johnny Wallace and Ryszard Sekulski as the strength of the team.

At the moment, however, Sekulski — who a few weeks ago almost joined Western Suburbs — Marian Jaworski and Kevin Innes (ex-Altona) all are injured.

"Alex Marshall has been moved back into the defence and he is a good stopper," Dzielakowski says. "But he is not as good as last man. He played last man a couple of times but Andy Czaplak is better there."

Tad Krzyzinski may be about 34 now, but he'll continue to be effective in attack. "He has a good head," says Dzielakowski.

He agrees that Polonia does not have tough players, apart from Marshall, but doesn't see that as being necessarily a drawback. "We play a passing game, on the ground, and that suits the

players. I like English football. It is good to watch but usually that style is no good when they play against Continental teams."

Their preferred style is reflected in the fact that ball-playing Liverpool is the favorite English team of both Dzielakowski and Przybyla. In Poland, Dzielakowski and Przybyla were full-time professionals, playing in top company in front of crowds of over 20,000. How do such players feel when they step into the comparatively uninspiring atmosphere of soccer in Australia?

Dzielakowski is embarrassingly frank.

"The first couple of games, I felt shocked. It was like picnic soccer — like friendly games. The soccer was easy. There were no good players, no smart players. Gary Cole

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from Heidelberg is a good forward — he's cheeky and fast — but there are no players like that in the First Division."

He likes the Philips League, though.

"Top teams like Hellas and Heidelberg could play in the Polish First Division," he says.

"Sydney Olympic and Sydney City — the team with Kosmina — are very good too. I like some players from



Janusz Przybyla (standing, third from right) at Motor Lublin. Back row, from left: T. Kaminski (assistant coach), B. Waligora (coach), I. Lorenc, R. Dobinski, J. Szozaszak, K. Waktowicz, R. Przybyla, R. Sowinski (trainer) M. Tucowicz (trainer). Front row: R. Walczak, J. Jagiello, M. Leszczynski, D. Opolski, Z. Kalinowski (now Polonia Sydney), H. Swietek, W. Futa, A. Pop.

final. Dzielakowski is sure that Brazil will win the Cup, but he can't say which team will be the other finalist.

Przybyla is new to this scene, but for Dzielakowski the move from Poland to Australia has brought with it a dramatic change in life-style.

"In Poland I only played soccer — I trained twice a day, five days a week and then there was the game on the weekend. Here I get very little from soccer and I have to work hard in a factory. In Poland, when top players finish playing, they get work in the sport, maybe as a coach or working in other ways for a club. Others finish university while they are playing, and then they can get a good job."

"But I and my family have decided to stay in Australia. I have bought this nice house and my

Brazil, West Germany or Spain will win the World Cup; Maradona and Rummenigge are world's best players

family can live comfortably here. The situation in Poland is very bad now, and anyway, you cannot change nationality every three years.

"When I finish playing, maybe I can coach a team here. But first I must learn to speak better English. Maybe I can coach and my wife can translate to the players..."

The method of players' payments behind the iron curtain always intrigued me, so I seek clarification from Dzielakowski.

"It has changed now in Poland," he says. "Before, it was different. Sponsors — big companies — used to pay the players. Not it is the clubs that pay them directly. But

before the money, it is important that you love your sport. If you love the sport and you become very good, then like a good engineer or a good architect, you are rewarded with good pay."

As for Przybyla, he will wait and see. He has signed with Polonia for two years. At the moment he intends to go home after that period, but if he likes it, he'll stay.

Meanwhile, Przybyla, who scored 16 goals for Motor Lublin in the Polish First Division last season, and Dzielakowski the king of the goalkeepers, will keep spectators enthralled at both ends of the pitch throughout the 1982 season.

Come June, all at Polonia, in company with soccer fans everywhere, will turn their attention to Spain. Dzielakowski and Przybyla would love to see Poland repeat, or possibly improve on its feats of 1974, but neither of them is optimistic.

"In 1974 Poland really played well and if it had been a dry day, we would have beaten West Germany to qualify for the final. The new team is not as good as the one we had in 1974. We may get to the semi-finals, but no further," Dzielakowski says.

He has inside knowledge of course, having played against the likes of Boniek, Smolarek, and Iwan and having been a team-mate of Zmuda at Motor Lublin.

Incidentally, both Dzielakowski and Przybyla agree that Boniek is Poland's No. 1 player. Wasn't there some talk of Polonia bringing Boniek to Melbourne?

Dzielakowski: "Here a player gets \$3 training money. In Poland Boniek gets \$3000." Enough said.

It's not to Australia that Boniek will be heading, but rather to AS Roma.

If Boniek is Poland's No. 1, who is the best player in the world?

"Maradona," says Dzielakowski without hesitation.

"Rummenigge and Maradona." Przybyla can't separate them.

What of the world's No. 1 coach?

"The one who succeeds in winning the World Cup will be the world's best coach," says Dzielakowski.

Przybyla doesn't have to wait that long. "Jupp Derwall of West Germany," is his answer. "I have seen West Germany play in Poland and they are very good."

And which nation will win the World Cup?

Przybyla predicts a West Germany v Spain

Canberra, Marconi bid for Herbert

Unable to secure a contract with English First Division pacesetter Southampton after a two-month trial, New Zealand World Cup central defender Ricki Herbert may well be playing PSL soccer in 1983.

Canberra City, Marconi and West Adelaide already have approached the tall Auckland, but he is content to continue with Mount Wellington on a no-contract basis this season and then hopes to attract the attention of European clubs during the World Cup.

Should the 26-year-old fail in this last-ditch attempt to break into full-time football, it seems certain he will take up one of the Australian offers.

While one Kiwi international appears destined for Australia, another three have returned home.

Watford for NZ

It has been confirmed that English Second Division club Watford will take part in New Zealand's World Cup build-up programme.

The " Hornets " will meet the Kiwis on May 22, 26 and 29, while the League of Ireland earlier had been secured as the opposition for games on May 8, 12, 16 and 19.

It is envisaged that three games will be organised en route to Spain. Negotiations for these fixtures are still at an early stage, but current Portuguese League leader Sporting Lisbon is almost certain to appear on the itinerary.

Unless these plans are dramatically revised, the Australian-based Kiwis will miss ten rounds of the PSL.

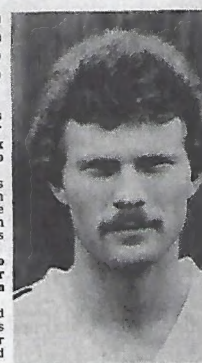
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Duncan Cole ended months of speculation by signing for his former club Hanimex North Shore United after two seasons with Canberra City. Cole cited personal reasons for his decision. He was known to have been unhappy with the role George Murray gave him in the ACT team and also his job outside soccer.

Brian and Grant Turner also are back in New Zealand after undistinguished stints in Australia.

Gisborne City celebrated signing the two prodigal sons with a 2-0 victory over champion Wellington Diamond United in the first round of the Rothmans' National League.

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Ricki Herbert

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As English (naturalised) humorist George Mikes once said: "Once a foreigner, always a foreigner. A criminal may improve and become a useful member of society. A foreigner cannot improve."

Not only a foreigner — let us add — but even offsprings, if you believe a well known Sydney TV commentator.

Last week, referring to a rugby league incident between Krich and Peponis, he brushed it off in his inimitable style.

"It's nothing serious," he said, "these Yugoslavs and Greeks have been fighting for ages."

Of course, both Krich and Peponis are Australian-born who have kept their family name. Slightly, it appears.

The ancient ogre of "foreign names" has been hanging over soccer's collective head for decades.

It has been used by a largely xenophobic media as a deterrent to "decent" Australian parents: Let your kids play wogball and see what company they pick up.

The kids themselves don't care; the parents do. And so do many schoolmasters who are still perpetuating the classic anti-soccer bias.

There is no solution, really, unless we force second and even third generation citizens to change their names.

And that's been done before, too. I remember in the 1930s and 1940s (yes, yes, I was alive though a child) my native Hungary underwent such a psychotic aberration.

First division players had to change their names to "pure" Hungarian ones; if they refused, then their clubs simply renamed them.

Thus Stefanics became Sarosit, Tanzer became Tancos, Tieska was Titkos, Tunigold became Toldi and so on.

When, in the 1940s, the Aryan Laws took a firm grip on central Europe, Jewish players all had to Hungarianise their names not to "offend" public sensibility.

It simply amazes me that soccer, in this free country of ours (yes, I said OURS) may have to consider such a step to appease the few super-bigots, such as that semi-literate TV commentator.

The moment they hear names like Jankovics, Koussas, Ras-kopoulos, Glampaolo, Nyskohus and Bozanic, through a primitive process of word association they think of "foreigners".

Pictures of new settlers are conjured up in their Neanderthal-like minds, arriving in rags with their possessions tied to their backs, reeking of garlic and singing sad folk tunes.

What should we do? Should we ask every soccer reporter in the country to take part in a large-scale public education program and write like this?

"In the 37th minute Mark Jankovics (born Sydney) crossed the ball to Theo Selemidis (arrived at age of two) who flicked the ball to Glampaolo (born Canberra) and his shot zoomed into the net off Alan Maher (born Bankstown but he would have rather not been)."

Is it truly necessary to have an Anglo-Saxon sounding name — is this some sort of a throw-back to the discredited superiority theories of the 1930s?

Is Australian society accepting foreign names in science, the arts, big business, even politics — but not in sport?

Are all the bigots of this great nation congregated in sporting associations and the sports desks of newspapers and TV studios?

I guess this vague, hesitant, not clearly thought-out Anglicising bid must have been lurking in the subconscious of all those people who have been preaching the need to change "foreign" club names.

It's not new; ASF marketing and Arthur George have no monopoly on this.

The now defunct NSW Association started it in the early 1950s, then the NSW Federation made a few feeble attempts and finally the PSL made it a law.

But I guess that all along, all through these years, it wasn't really the club names that appeared "offensive" but the names of foreign-sounding players, officials and even spectators.

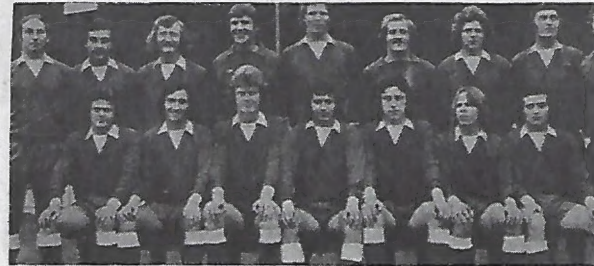
And since these couldn't be changed only in some deranged dictatorship, the next best was to wipe out the club names, the collective terms, without denying individual rights.

If some of the simple-minded purifiers in our midst believe for one moment that this has changed the character of Australian soccer, they are crazier than we thought.

Had the Australian government ever felt the necessity of keeping this country pure white, Anglo-Saxon and Protestant, it wouldn't have admitted all non-qualifiers.

But it has. And so we have the Krichs, Peponises, Glampaolos and God have mercy on their soul for their temerity in not changing over to a nice, simple Smith.

ANDREW DETTRE
(Naturalised)



Billy Williamson at Aberdeen. Standing from left: Draw Jarvis, Willie Miller, Davis Robb, Bobby Clark, Willie Young, Andy Geoghegan, Ian Hair, Eddie Thomson, Chic McEland. Front row: Duncan Davidson, Billy Williamson, Walker McCall, Billy Pirie, Joe Smith, Arthur Graham, Ian Purdie.

Williamson aims to outdo Gary Cole in PSL

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Brisbane Lions' secret is out. If striker Billy Williamson can't score up front they'll move him to full-back, a position from which he scored 10 goals in a Scottish season with giant Aberdeen.

Okay, so four of the goals were from the penalty spot, but if you can score 10 goals from such a position in the professional world of Scottish football it makes a mockery of a meagre target of 20 goals in the 1982 PSL.

That's what Lions' goal ace is after this season and he looks destined to surpass that target with ease.

Heidelberg striker Gary Cole is the man Williamson picks as his biggest threat to finishing the season as the leading PSL scorer.

"I like Cole's style. He's strong, has a deceptive turn of pace and he's direct," said Williamson.

The Lions striker is well credentialed as a judge of goalkeepers. He has a hat-trick to his name against mighty Glasgow Celtic during one of more than 200 first team appearances chalked up in eight seasons with Aberdeen.

Williamson is a member of the "Aberdeen Mafia" which in recent times has infiltrated Australian soccer in near saturation proportions. Hellas stars George Campbell and Jim Shirra retired Lions' sweeper Jim Hermiston, Sydney City Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson, Canberra coach George Murray, Canberra players Ian Gibson and Ian Purdie, Preston Makedonia dynamo Doug Brown and former APIA striker Billy Pirie are other members of the clan.

"It must have been the cold weather in Aberdeen which sent us so far south," quips Williamson.

"I tell you what though, you could make up a dam good team from that lot."

Aberdeen didn't win Williamson's signature easily. The talented 15-year-old spent three days at Ibrox Park, home of Glasgow Rangers, before Aberdeen scout Bobby Calder contacted him and took him to Pittodrie for two weeks in the summer of 1969.

A further two-week stint convinced the Dons that the young striker was their man.

Williamson signed from Ayrshire junior side Kello Rovers where he had his first senior appearance as a raw 14 year old.

Williamson's first season with Aberdeen was spent in the reserves. He got his first team chance the following season as a striker.

Once established he found himself having to cover for injuries to key defenders by switching back to fullback and he also played in midfield from time to time.

The highlight of his stay was playing in the Aberdeen team which beat Glasgow Celtic 2-1 in the Scottish League Cup final in front of 80,000 chanting fans at Hampden Park.

Williamson played fullback that Saturday afternoon in 1976 and tangled with Celtic and Scotland stars Bobby Lennox and Kenny Dalglish.

Four years later Williamson returned to Hampden, this time wearing a Dundee strip but going down to neighbour Dundee United. Again the occasion was the League Cup final.

While with the Dons the skilful Williamson was managed by controversial Ally Macleod, the man who guided or misguided Scotland's assault on the 1978 World Cup in Argentina.

"Ally Macleod was all for himself. Anything to do with publicity and he'd jump in and do the job, rather than having players involved."

"In terms of organisation, Scotland was a mess under Macleod. The Press didn't help either. Every day the people in Scotland were picking up the papers and reading that Scotland was near unbeatable in Argentina. It was Scotland this and Scotland that so obviously everyone thought that not getting through the first round of games was a national disaster."

"But under Jock Stein things will be different. In fact I think Scotland will perform better than the other two British teams (England and Northern Ireland) in Spain."

"I'd have to say that Stein is the best Scotsman for the job but part of Scotland's downfall is that it always picks a Scotsman as national team manager. We should take a leaf out of the book of some European countries. Hire the best manager — irrespective of his nationality."

Williamson and Jim Hermiston are good friends. Hermiston spoke to Lions' coach Joe Gilroy last year about Williamson's interest in coming to Australia. The astute Gilroy didn't waste much time in bringing the livewire striker to Lions and he was rewarded with 12 Williamson goals from just 14 PSL games.

"I didn't fancy playing in the lower leagues in Scotland and football back home is in a depressed state."

Williamson's contract with Dundee had expired and the club freed him to join Lions just four seasons after it paid \$44,000 to sign him from Aberdeen.

Williamson first came to Australia about three and a half years ago as a member of Dundee's touring party so the Australian soccer scene wasn't completely novel in 1981.

"The standard of the PSL isn't that bad really. It's improving all the time in fact," he says.

"Last year I thought that Sydney City and South Melbourne were the best two teams."

"Lions certainly received a blow with Jim Hermiston's retirement but he's still a Lions' player and if he decides to play again there's a good chance he'll play for us."

"We'll surprise quite a few teams this year. No-one can come to our home around with-



Billy Williamson

At the time of his acceptance Latchford had scored 14 goals for Swansea as the Welsh club maintained its bid for the English First Division championship.

Latchford told Lions directors he had been troubled by the hamstring injury this season and in his first fixture back in England after last year's visit, he scored three goals inside the first 10 minutes for Swansea.

Lions players are looking forward to Latchford's visit, none more so than Ron Millman, who broke his leg only minutes into the Footscray game.

If Millman can maintain his current good form until June then his speed, combined with the finesse of Billy Williamson and the power of Latchford will give Lions one of the most devastating attacking combinations in the league.

Latchford finished his stint with four goals last season.

Latchford returning

Heidelberg-Alexander will have something particularly special to look forward to when it plays Brisbane Lions at Richlands in July — star Swansea striker Bob Latchford.

Lions directors last week confirmed that Latchford had accepted an invitation to have a second four-match guest appearance in Brisbane.

Latchford, then with Everton, played for Lions last season. The powerful centre forward, who played 17 times for England, is expected to arrive in Brisbane in time to play the local derby against Brisbane City at Richlands on June 20.

His other two matches will be away games against Newcastle and St. George and the home tie against Heidelberg.

Latchford will have fond memories of another Melbourne team which he helped Lions thrash in his opening game last season. The big striker scored two goals in Lions' 4-0 win over Footscray JUST last May.

And it was also against a Melbourne team, Hakoah in a Phillips Cup game, that Latchford broke down with a hamstring injury.

When he finally recovered from the injury thanks to a local acupuncturist, Latchford played his last game for Lions against South Melbourne Hellas at Richlands and scored one of the two winning goals.

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2	(6) SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....	1	0	2	5	5	3	1	0	10	5	15.10	9
3	(3) PRESTON MAKEDONIA.....	2	1	1	9	3	1	2	1	5	6	14.9	9
4	(7) HEIDELB-ALEXANDER.....	3	1	0	8	3	1	0	2	4	4	12.7	9
5	(2) Sydney C. Hakoah.....	1	1	1	3	3	3	0	1	8	4	11.7	9
6	(8) St. George Budapest.....	3	0	1	6	3	1	1	1	4	6	10.9	9
7	(4) St. Melbourne Hellas.....	3	1	0	9	2	1	1	2	6	7	15.9	8
8	(5) Brisbane Lions.....	2	0	1	11	6	0	3	1	4	6	15.12	7
9	(10) West Adelaide Hellas.....	1	1	1	4	2	0	3	1	4	6	8.8	6
10	(9) Marconi-Datsun.....	2	1	0	7	2	0	1	3	1	7	8.9	6
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13	(12) Canberra City.....	1	1	2	6	7	0	1	2	3	8	9.15	4
14	(14) Newcastle KB United.....	1	1	2	4	6	0	1	2	3	8	7.14	4
15	(15) Footscray J.U.S.T.....	0	3	1	4	5	0	1	2	2	9	6.14	4
16	(16) Wollongong.....	1	0	2	5	8	1	0	3	3	10	8.18	4

PSL TEAM OF THE WEEK

Total appearances in brackets

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(Wollongong)

MULLEN (1)
(Syd City)

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(West Adel)

O'REILLY (1)
(J.U.S.T.)

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(Brisb. City)

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(Heidelberg)

KATHOLOS (3)
(Syd. Olymp)

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(J.U.S.T.)

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Shake-up for Hellas, Olympic to face APIA

By CRAIG MACKENZIE
and TED SIMMONS

Philips League challenger South Melbourne faces a shake-up if the team continues to drop points. President Sam Papisavas says that a serious talk will be held with the coaching staff to try to pinpoint the reasons for the club's drop to seventh position.

Hellas last year was the only serious challenger to Sydney City Hakoah for the PSL premiership but so far this season has won only three of its seven matches.

"We have given away too many points and we can't afford to give away any more if we want to have a chance to win the PSL title," he said.

"More goals have been scored against us in the first seven games than for the whole of the first round last year."

Papisavas said the team was unsettled and going through a difficult stage caused by changes.

"We are not playing attractive football and have reverted to defensive play which has enabled other teams to draw or beat us," he said.

Hellas led 1-0 against J.U.S.T. on Sunday but seemed content to coast with its advantage, allowing J.U.S.T. to attack and eventually score the equaliser.

"J.U.S.T. was not a strong team and our defensive errors are causing problems, similar to when we were beaten by Sydney City and Leichhardt."

"We may still have a good year, although last year's top scorer Alan Evans is not in our team and we will be missing the skill of Steve Woodin during the World Cup finals in Spain," said Papisavas.

Woodin has been out of action with injuries, and came of at half-time against J.U.S.T. with further problems.

He will make his last appearance for Hellas on May 2 against Adelaide City before leaving for the World Cup.

Yet the face of the PSL top four could change dramatically after Sunday's round when the top four teams confront each other.

Hellas stands to gain greatly provided it accounts for George Murray's Canberra.

Two points to Hellas and a draw between Preston Makedonia and Heidelberg at Connor Reserve would push Hellas above its rival neighbours.

The top-of-the-table battle at Pratten Park between exciting Sydney Olympic and Willie Wallace's all-conquering APIA should be the best drawcard of the round.

Sydney City Hakoah should close the gap on league leader APIA by defeating third-bottom Melbourne visitor Footscray J.U.S.T.

The Connor Reserve confrontation could end up in a stalemate. Makedonia and Heidelberg battered each other almost to a standstill in this year's Victorian Ampol Cup until the second half when Heidelberg played Makedonia off the park and ran out a convincing winner.

A highlight of the encounter should be the battle between Heidelberg midfielder Jimmy Rooney and Makedonia counterpart Alan Whittle.

Makedonia will base most of its hopes for victory upon the finishing ability of Doug Brown and Gary Ward.

Provided sweeper John Yzendorp maintains Heidelberg's discipline at the back Makedonia will find goals at a premium.

Rugged George McMillan probably will be given the task of trying to tame blond striker Gary Cole. They should have a stirring physical battle. The service to Cole is all important here.

Olympic and APIA may have to settle for an even share of points at Pratten Park.

Olympic's lack of top-class organisation at the back is ominous against lively APIA striker Marshall Soper.

Surely Footscray J.U.S.T. can't snatch a point out of Sydney City Hakoah's grasp at the Sydney Athletic Field.

J.U.S.T. will be defensive, understandably so, but Sydney City stands to lose respect as a slick, well-drilled outfit if John Kosmina, Kenny Boden and the Hakoah midfielders can't break down the J.U.S.T. barrier.

Two Italian sponsored clubs clash at Marconi Stadium on Sunday and visitor Adelaide City could surprise the home side.

With David Mitchell fit and sharp Bob D'Ottavi's outfit boasts one of the best strikers in the land.

Tony Henderson's return to midfield gives Marconi much needed quality in this area but City's four-man midfield may blanket the home side here and get enough of the ball to setup Mitchell in match-winning situations.

Brisbane City shattered what threads of credibility I had left when it knocked off Sydney City Hakoah in Brisbane last weekend.

I caused Nero Saffich's side after its dismal showing the previous week against Hellas. Obviously there's a Jeckyll and Hyde quality to City which must be considered when previewing its fortunes.

That being the case, it's possible that West Adelaide could thump the living daylights out of City. I doubt it though, but Alan Vest's lads should continue of the crest of the wave whipped up by their S.A. Ampol Cup win over rival Adelaide City and their fine draw with league leader APIA last weekend in Sydney.

I'm starting to believe that Wollongong is capable of picking up quite a few points this season, so I'll change my tune and pick Ken Morton's side to beat visitor Newcastle KB.

Brisbane Lions and St George look destined to draw on Saturday night. Both goalkeepers could be in the thick of the action against Lions' ace striker Billy Williamson and St George goal machine Des Marton.

IN MELBOURNE
Preston Makedonia v Heidelberg (draw) at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Canberra at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v Footscray J.U.S.T. at Sydney Athletic Field, Sunday, 3 pm.
Sydney Olympic v APIA Leichhardt (draw) at Pratten Park, Sunday, 3 pm.
Marconi v ADELAIDE CITY at Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN WOLLONGONG
WOLLONGONG v Newcastle KB at Wollongong Showgrounds, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
WEST ADELAIDE v Brisbane City at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30 pm.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane Lions v St George (draw) at Richlands, Saturday, 7.30 pm.



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HEIDELBERG 2 (Campbell, Macleod) **BRISBANE LIONS 0** at Olympic Park. Votes by Peter Desai: 5. Campbell (H) 5. Low (Lions) 4. Rooney (H) 3. Yzendorp (H) 2. Scanlon (Lions) 1. Macleod (H).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (Mitchell, J. Nyekohus) **SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3** (K. Wilson, 2. Raskopoulos) at Olympic Sports Field. Votes by Meno Toutsidis: 6. Katholos (SO), 5. Jennings (SO), 4. Raskopoulos (SO), 3. Northcote (AC), 2. K. Wilson (SO), 1. B. Nyekohus (AC).

CANBERRA CITY 0 WOLLONGONG 1 (Cotton) at Bruce Stadium. Votes by Peter Windsor: 6. Vardareff (W), 5. T. Byrne (Can), 4. Ambrosino (Can), 3. Cotton (W), 2. Gibson (Can), 1. Bartogna (W).

NEWCASTLE KB 0 UTD 1 (McClelland) **PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1** (Brown) at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe Lanzoni: 6. Jones (New), 5. Boyle (Mak), 4. Lowe (New), 3. Mason (New), 2. Endacott (New), 1. Whittle (Mak).

ST. GEORGE 2 (Marton) **MARCONI-DATSUM 0** at St. George Stadium. Votes by Ted Simmons: 6. Stone (St. Geo), 4. J. O'Shea (St. Geo), Hunter (Mar), 2. Maher (Mar), 1. Henderson (Mar).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 0 WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Lambert Park. Votes by Alex Vesic: 6. Dunn (WA), 5. Gray (APIA), 4. McGachey (WA), 3. Pullen (APIA), 2. Bradley (APIA), 1. Honeyman (WA).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Cozzella) **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1** (Egan) at Schintler Reserve. Votes by Laurie Schwab: 6. O'Reilly (JUST), 5. Jovanovic (JUST), 4. Stevenson (SM), 3. Hazabert (JUST), 2. Hloaki (JUST), 1. Nicolaidis (SM).

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Palinkas, Boden) **SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1** (Petikas) at Spencer Park. Votes by Ricky Rosas: 6. Liddell (BC), 5. Mullen (SC), 4. Boden (BC), 3. Murray (SC), 2. Glockner (BC), 1. Petikas (SC).

Leaders:
27. Katholos (SO),
24. Stone (St. G.), Soper (APIA),
23. McGachey (WA),
22. Northcote (AC),
21. Dunn (WA), Yzendorp (H'berg),
20. Brown (Mak),
19. Boyle (Mak),
18. Conner (BC), Bradley (APIA),
16. Marton (St. G.),
15. G. Campbell (SM), Williamson (BL), Barton (St. G.), Bartogna (W), Redfern (SO), R. Wilson (Mak),
14. J. Campbell (H'berg),
13. Egan (SM), Tokai (BC), A. McMillan (H'berg).

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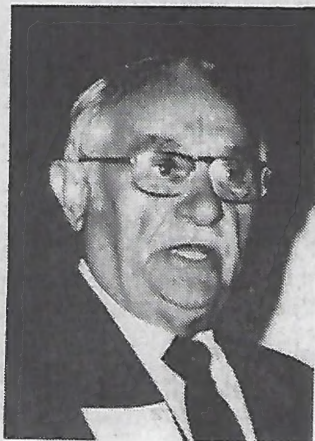
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KB's Kaiser dumps Col Curran

Newcastle 1 Makedonia 1

Scorers: McClelland 62nd (N), Brown 64th (M).
Ground: International Sports Centre.
Crowd: 2,965.
Cautions: Mason (N), Fox (M).
Referee: Ken Small 6.
NEWCASTLE: Dando 7, Endacott 7, Tredinnick 7, Smyth 7, Sneddon 7, Mason 7, Dooley 7, Stamp 6, Lowe 8, Jones 8, McClelland 7.
MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7, Fox 6, Beech 7, Petrovski 6,

McMillan 7, Todorovski 7, Flavell 6, Boyle 8, Whittle 7, Brown 7, Ward 7.
KB coach Ken Kaiser dropped a bombshell on the morning of this match when he announced that former Soccer Col Curran would be left out of KB's line-up for disciplinary reasons.
Curran's place was taken by Neil Endacott who acquitted himself well.
However it was a dull, uninspiring game by KB gained a valuable point as it fights to escape from the lower reaches of the PSL table.
Preston obviously came to

Newcastle looking for a point end at least, in that respect, was successful.
But a packed defence and midfield adds very little to the spectacle especially when played by two sides which haven't got an over abundance of skill in their ranks.
Nevertheless Newcastle should have taken both points and only lack of composure in front of goal prevented the locals from going in at the interval two goals up.
The KB side was considerably reshuffled with Craig Mason taking the place of injured Joe Senkalski in the



Joe Lanzoni
Phil and Trevor Smyth coming in as sweeper, a role more to his liking.
The first half was almost totally without incident except for the already mentioned couple of chances and if it was

a boxing match. Newcastle was ahead on points.
That mainly was due to the hard work put in by strikers David Jones and David Lowe backed by an equally hard working midfield but above all by the reluctance of the Preston team to come out of its defensive shell.
The second half fortunately was a little brighter with Richard Wilson being brought into action by Jones soon after the resumption.
Then some good work by Doug Brown on the right side saw his cross find Gary Ward

but his header was well over the bar.
Three minutes later Ljube Petrovski was forced to head out for a corner to prevent Jones from scoring.
A goal was imminent and it came two minutes later when Jones, this time on the right, crossed a great ball which found McClelland with plenty of room. The Newcastle midfielder had a couple of attempts before beating Wilson.
The cheers had hardly died down when Brown, receiving a long clearance from the defence, shook off John Sned-

don and beat the advancing Phil Dando to equalise.
Newcastle should have gone ahead shortly afterwards when a Mason 20 metre drive was parried by Wilson and teenage striker, Lowe should have despatched the ball into the empty net, but crashed it onto the crossbar and watched it rebound to safety.
Second before the final whistle KB keeper Dando had to fling himself to his right to prevent Ward from scoring after Alan Whittle had done all the spadework in the penalty area.



Sydney Olympic star Peter Katholos storms past Adelaide City's Glen Dods (left) and Bobby Russell. Picture by FRANK HOBBS

Defence a problem, Mitchell to leave?

Adel. City 2 Syd. Olympic 3

Scorers: Mitchell 27th, J. Nyskohus 65th (Adel City); K. Wilson 54th, 60th, Raskopoulos 36th (Sydney Olympic).
Ground: Olympic Sports Field.
Crowd: 3564.
Cautions: Flounders, Northcote (Adel City); Koussas (Olympic).
Referee: Graham Neal 7.
ADELAIDE CITY JUVENILES: Ferguson 6 — B. Nyskohus 8, Banfield 7, Flounders 7, Russell 6 — Mella 6, Northcote 8, Dods 7 — Villani 6, Mitchell 7, J. Nyskohus 7.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 7 — Rogers 7, Ziras 8,

Rowden 7, Scott 7 — Raskopoulos 8, Katholos 9, Phillips 8 — Jennings 8, Koussas 7, K. Wilson 8.

Having resisted the temptation of slotting in new English recruit Neil Banfield for the previous game against St George because he didn't want to make unnecessary positional changes, Adelaide City coach Bob D'Ottavi did just that for the match against Olympic.
The result was a shock 2-3 loss to the rampaging young Sydney Olympians.
Banfield, a Crystal Palace teenager, played in the World Youth Cup last October.
For his PSL debut he took over the sweeper's position (the same role he played in



Meno Toutsidis

England's bronze medal match against Romania) with Buggy Nyskohus returning to full back.
This meant that Glen Dods moved into the midfield in place of captain Gary Marocchi who was dropped.
These changes had an unsettling effect on City's previous solid defence, though things went smoothly for City for the first 30 minutes.
But once Olympic moved into gear late in the first half, City's defensive deficiencies were painfully obvious.

It remains to be seen what tactics D'Ottavi employs against Marconi on Sunday.
He must surely find a place for the tall, strong midfielder Chris Manou and seriously think of restoring his defence as it lined up against St George, which was comprehensively beaten 3-0 a week ago.

Olympic coach Doug Collins, who named himself as the side's substitute, has no such problem.
His well-drilled team is obviously going places, even if it did look out of rhythm early.
City, after its loss to West Adelaide in the Ampol Cup final on Wednesday night, got just what it wanted when David Mitchell lobbed the ball

over Peter Wilson in the 27th minute.
This goal was Mitchell's 15th PSL score and quite possibly one of his last for the club. Sydney Olympic president John Constantine had talks with Adelaide City during the weekend on the possibility of Mitchell transferring to Sydney.

Mitchell is the only Adelaide City player who has not signed a contract for the season.
Olympic, showing signs of a revival after a tentative opening, equalised in the 36th minute when Peter Raskopoulos, who along with Peter Katholos dominated the midfield, with a crisp angled drive.

Olympic went ahead nine minutes after the restart when Graham Jennings, a problem to Bobby Russell all day, crossed to Ken Wilson who calmly stroked the ball into the net.

Wilson struck again in the 60th minute with a neat header after a cross from the right.
City did not look as if it had the spirit to come back but a dubious decision allowed it to bridge the gap five minutes later.

John Nyskohus appeared to be one of two or three players in the off side position as he slammed the ball wide and low of a diving Peter Wilson.

Referee Graham Neal looked long and hard at his linesman but with the flag lowered he had no option but to allow the goal.

With Brian Northcote urging City on, it appeared that City might steal a point, but the sting eventually went out of their game and Olympic held out comfortably.

Stone inspires the Saints

St. George 2 Marconi 0

By TED SIMMONS

Scorer: Marton 2.
ST GEORGE BUDAPEST — Fraser 7, Skeen 8, O'Shea 7, Ratcliffe 7, Barton 7, M O'Shea 7, Stone 8, Slater 7, Wilkinson 7, J O'Shea 8, Marton 8. Replacement: Ernie Campbell (for Barton 77th).
MARCONI — DATSUN: Maher 8, Bozanic 7, Budini 6, Prskalo 6, Calderon 7, Henderson 7, Hunter 8, Duvnjak 6, Silva 7, Licata 7, Colusso 6. Replacement: Atti Carboni (for Duvnjak 68th).
Referee: A. Raskovic 9.
Crowd: 2892 at St. George Stadium.
If anyone had doubts as to why Peter Stone is St. George captain, they would be erased by his superb wet-weather display.

play in the St. George 2-0 over Marconi at St. George Stadium.
Stone is not a flamboyant extrovert, who appeals to the Gods when something goes wrong. He just keeps on grafting, defending and attacking and it was these attributes which sparked St. George to its win after a scoreless first half.
The teams looked ready for a battle when they ran on to the field, and then the skies opened and turned the ground into a skating rink. Players slipped, skidded and scattered as the spray put a damper on clever football and reduced the first half to kick and scramble.
St. George decided there was nothing to lose in pushing

forward and used the heavy boot to get the ball into Marconi territory.

The first real chance came in the 18th minute when teenager Robbie Slater, in his first PSL match, lifted a perfect cross into the box where Paul Wilkinson incredibly missed the ball a mere five metres from the goalmouth, with Marconi keeper Allan Maher caught in the middle.

Maher had his hands full over the final 15 minutes of the first half, cutting off striker Des Marton twice, and then Slater and Rob O'Shea. The only threat to St. George keeper Mike Fraser.

Frank Arok had experimented with a new mid-field combination after losing two matches in a row, and the trio of Stone, Marton and John O'Shea constantly kept the St. George forwards in sight of the Marconi goal.

Marconi only looked a shadow of the team which whipped PSL leader APIA 5-0 in an Ampol Cup quarter final, and Hunter, Maher and the newly returned Tony Henderson were the only players to catch the eye.

St. George searched for the drier patches in the second half by playing the ball wide which led to both goals. John O'Shea sped down the left in the 62nd minute and crossed to

Paul Wilkinson, whose header went goalwards with Marton completing to move.

Three minutes from full time, Stone set Slater moving and his cross found Marton in centre field and the striker outpaced the Marconi defence to slot the ball past Maher.

The international experience of Allan Maher was the ball a mere five metres from the goalmouth, with Marconi keeper Allan Maher caught in the middle.

Henderson added some backbone to the Marconi defence in his first game back after an unsuccessful visit to the United States, and Ian Hunter never stopped running.

But the tireless defence of David Skeen, Robert O'Shea and David Ratcliffe never gave Marconi a real chance.

"We deserved it. We created the chances and controlled most of the game," said Arok. Dom Kapetanovic partly blamed the youthful-ness of some of his players and their inconsistency for the loss.

"St. George played as a team. We didn't, and if you don't have the ball, you can't play," he said.

The win puts St. George back in the firing line for PSL honors but for Marconi, it could be a matter of back to the drawing board.

CANBERRA IN TROUBLE

Canberra 0 Wollongong 1

Scorer: Cotton.
CANBERRA: Hoszowski 7, Byrne 8, Milovanovic 8, Moustakopoulos 6, Murray 7 (Reis 78th), Stone 6, MacLaren 6, Ambrosino 7, Gibson 7, Brennan 7, Valeri 6.
WOLLONGONG: Vardare 6, 8, Willis 7, Bertagne 7, Dunleavy 7, Ainsworth 7, Adam 7, Gaffney 7, Fleming 7, Cotton 7, O'Connor 7.
Cautions: Fleming, Milovanovic.
Ref: K. Allen.
Crowd: 2000.
Canberra plummeted to the depths of despair by allowing tallender Wollongong to sneak a 1-0 victory at Canberra.
The loss locks Canberra into the relegation zone.
From start to finish it was a disappointingly scrappy game.
Yes, Canberra had a scratch side, being minus Paul Ontong, Gary Byrne and Ian Purdie. Equally, however, Wollongong was weakened by the absence of Tredinnick and Laing.
Yet if ever Canberra, with



Peter Windsor

injury problems, had wanted easy opposition at home it was Wollongong, even if it now has won two in a row.

The happiest man in Wollongong on Sunday night must have been striker, Roy Cotton.
The ex-St. George player made it three goals in two games when he netted the match-winner in the 76th minute.
It should never have occurred.
Wollongong had been under great pressure until an apparently aimless clearance was picked up by Cotton on the edge of the penalty area.
He was immediately tackled by Canberra's Mike Milovanovic but the defender allowed

Cotton to burst the tackle and despite Canberra's goalkeeper, Steve Hoszowski, stopping Cotton's first attempt, the ball ran loose and Cotton squeezed into the net.

Canberra had made sufficient chances to have had the game won before half-time.

Yet they squandered those chances — the worst misses coming from Walter Valeri.

Valeri, struggling to find form, had two sisters but muffed them both.

As Canberra's coach, George Murray so rightly said: "Goals are the name of the game."

"We made the chances and failed to take them."

He would have been better off sticking to his initial word summary — "painful".

That said it all.

Wollongong's coach, Ken Morton, disagreed that Wollongong was the inferior side.

"We were the visitors yet we took the game up to

Canberra and they didn't take their chances."

One couldn't help agreeing that several Canberra players lacked total commitment.

Too many failed to make an impression.

The best for Canberra were Terry Byrne, Ian Gibson, although he faded badly, and youngster Angelo Ambrosino who for the first time got his chance to play in midfield.

Disappointing for Wollongong was Phil O'Connor although in the dying seconds it was John Fleming who missed a sitter when O'Connor's centre cut out Hoszowski and came to Fleming who from close-range blasted well wide.

There is little else one could say.

Wollongong would be happy and out, no doubt, to make it a remarkable three wins in a row. Canberra, in contrast, should be back at full-strength against Hellas.

Yet because of the opposition they will be hard pressed to register a win.

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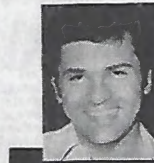
Heidelberg 2 Brisbane Lions 0

Scorers: Campbell 33rd, MacLeod 67th.
Ground: Olympic Park.
Crowd: 2000 estimate.
Cautions: Williamson, Bennett, Cole.
Referee: Chris Bambridge 7.
HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7, McMillan 7, Zvendorn 8, MacLeod 8, Vankos 7, Rooney 8, Selemidis 7, Campbell 9, Cole 7, Paton 7 (Taylor 57th), Bozilas 7.
LIONS: Scanlon 8; Bennett 7, Ferris 6, Burns 7, Niven 8; McKimming 6, McLean 6, Hogg 7; Low 8, Williamson 6, Millman 6.

Len McKendry is not a coach who idly throws away accolades so when he calls a player the best midfielder in the country, you sit up and take notice.

Jim Campbell is the player he refers to and on Sunday he gave another faultless performance to get Heidelberg on the title track again — despite being shifted to a new role to make way for Andy Bozilas.

Campbell played deeper than he was in the opening six games but still was available to back up the attack and popped up from one such situation to open the score in the 33rd minute.



Peter Desira

The goal was started on with a cross from the left by Jimmy Rooney. Theo Selemidis helped it on into the path of Jamie Paton. The striker's knock-on was parried by Scan-

lon but Campbell darted in to head the rebound.

The goal was only the game's second scoring chance in what was a very slow start. Ten minutes before Campbell broke the deadlock Gary Cole had hammered a shot from the right side of the area against the upright and the loose ball was scrambled away before Paton could convert.

Nothing that Paton does at the moment is going right and it came as little surprise that he was rested after half time to bring on Ken Taylor.

Taylor started the match on the subs' bench to make way for Andy Bozilas' first game

of the season after a long drawn out contract wrangle.

Bozilas made a couple of fine openings but had an otherwise fairly quiet game.

Brisbane Lions failed to live up to the goalscoring reputation they've built up in the opening six rounds.

Coach Joe Gilroy was forced into a reshuffle pulling Bob Ferris into the sweeper role vacated by Malcolm Tuttle who has a hamstring injury.

Paul Burns came into the back four to look after Paton thus freeing Bob McKimming from his normal fullback duties to look after Jimmy Rooney.

But he failed miserably in the task as Rooney was fairly active throughout the match and also provided the free kick for the second goal.

The kick, taken from out on the left wing, found Don MacLeod lurking at the far post unmarked and he gave Scanlon no chance with a fine header.

Earlier, another move started by Rooney, this time a short free kick to Campbell, gave John Zvendorn another opening but the shot again came to Lions' rescue with Scanlon beaten.

The keeper did earn his keep however, twice denying Cole after the striker had broken through on fine passes from Charlie Vankos and Selemidis.

Jeff Oliver at the other end had a quiet day with neither Ron Millman nor Billy Williamson causing much bother.

Millman had two headers well saved at the end of each half but Williamson hardly had a direct shot at goal. Nippy winger Craig Low was the busiest of the forwards and gave Vankos a testing time with his pace.

Overall Heidelberg was much the better side and its good record against the Brisbane club — it has only lost one game in 11 PSL encounters against Lions — was never in danger.

J.U.S.T. too late for Palinkas?

Brisbane C. 2 Sydney C. 1

Scorers: Palinkas 60th, Bohan 75th (BC), Sydney City: Patikas 68th.
Ground: Spencer Park.
Crowd: About 2600.
Referee: J. Reeves 7.
Cautions: Liddell (BC), Watson (SC).
BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7, McVeigh 7, Dunne 7, Liddell 8, Vincenzino 6, Bohan 8, Pimblett 7, Hamilton 7, Conner 7.

Glackner 7, Carey 7 (Palinkas, 38th 7).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 7, Cant 7, Spanos 7, Robertson 7, Bruce 7, Murray 8, Watson 7, Barnes 7, Patikas 7, Kosmina 6, Souness 6 (Mullen, 55th, 8).

Brisbane City winger Joe Palinkas seems unlikely to accept an offer to return to Footscray JUST.

Palinkas, 28, made a dazzling comeback to the Phillips League football when he scored a goal and prevented an equaliser in Brisbane City's 2-1 victory over current PSL champion Sydney City Hakoah at Spencer Park.

Palinkas said after the match: "The Footscray offer was good one but City has offered me another two-year contract when the current three-year one expires at the end of the season.

"At the moment and particularly after today's game, I can see no reason to return to Melbourne."

But if Footscray is desperate to sign the speedy winger there could be a ray of hope in a statement Palinkas made later when he said: "I think my style of play is more suited to Footscray and you never know with soccer. It's a game in which things can change each week."

But Palinkas probably was referring to his first-team place and it is almost certain that his inability to hold on to the regular starting place at City, combined with his long injury lay-off that turned his mind back towards Melbourne.

Last weekend was only Palinkas' second match since he severely aggravated a groin muscle last November.

The plan was to use Palinkas only if necessary and that necessity came only 38 minutes into the game when striker Peter Carey, on loan from State League club Trind Valley, was carried off the field with a tag which later required six stitches.

City immediately began pushing balls through for Palinkas and although he chased them doggedly he lacked the fitness to get away properly and was caught by defenders.

It wasn't until the 15th minute of the second half that he found that extra yard and broke through thanks to a well-timed ball from Willie Comer. Palinkas got his shot in from just outside the box but slickers keeper Todd Clarke was well positioned and parried it away.

The ball fell for Sydney City fullback Ian Bruce, who in his haste to clear, miskicked it back to Palinkas who had no trouble putting it into an open net.

And it took that goal to jar the PSL champion into an aggressive mood and the football it played for the next 10 minutes was the most entertaining of the match.

The only player to show aggression was Kevin Mullen, who came on in the 56th minute as a replacement for



Ricky Rosso

covered but it hit Jimmy Dunne's back and went two yards to Wishart's left.

The City equaliser, scored by Bevan Bohan, the former Mount Gravatt State League player, was one of those every-one's dreams of netting. Bohan cracked a 35-metre shot off a free kick move that rocketed into the top corner, completely out of the reach of Clarke.

Sydney City stormed back after the equalises and should have got a point when Mullen broke away with only Wishart to beat. He drew Wishart to one side, then pushed the ball to the far corner but it hit the upright and rolled across the front of the goal.

And who was there to clear it? Not a defender but Palinkas who had just come onto the field after receiving treatment for a hit to the nose and decided to hang back to cover John McVeigh who had pushed forward.

Keeper Kim Wishart had the powerful Jim Patikas shot

Hellas hangs back, O'Reilly the Titan

Foots JUST 1 SM-Hellas 1

Scorers: JUST: Cozella 75th; Hellas: Egan 9th.
Venue: Schintler Reserve.
Crowd: About 5000.
Referee: Stewart Mellings 6.

Cautions: Milne (JUST) 14th min, Kyriakoulas (JUST) 16th, Rogers (Hellas) 35th.
Sent off: Milne 30th min.
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 8 - Milne (sent off 30th), O'Reilly 10, Kyriakoulas 7, Hazabent 8 - Curovic 7, Woski 8, Jovanovic 9, Cozella 8, Simic 6 (Konradis 8, 36th), Lujic 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 8 - Nicolaios 8, Jones 7, Xanthopoulos 7, Shirra 7 - Stevenson 8, Rogers 7, Campbell 7 - Egan 7, Evans 6, Wooddon 6 (Blair 8, half time).

The fight for survival is turning out to be just as enthralling as the tussle for the title.

Had J.U.S.T. lost this game — as seemed certain after Jim Milne was sent off after 30 minutes — it would have slipped to last position as Wollongong won in Canberra.

However, JUST reacted positively in adversity — which hasn't been characteristic for this team — to grab a desperate point which leaves it level on four points with three other teams at the foot of the table.

If it maintains this fighting attitude and if it uses wisely the money it has made in home takings against Hellas and Makedonia, J.U.S.T. soon should draw clear of the relegation zone.

A former Red Star Belgrade forward who lately has been playing in the Yugoslav Second Division, was expected to have been here for the Hellas game, but he has been delayed until some time this week.

Coach Peter Jaksa, whose hard training must have helped give the players the stamina they showed against Hellas, also hopes to sign Vic Smythe, a forward or mid-



Laurie Schwab

fielder from Jaksa's former club, West Adelaide Hellas.

And J.U.S.T.'s former wingers, Joe Palinkas (Brisbane City) and Mendo Ristovski (Juventus) remain eager to rejoin the club.

It's reported that Branko Buljevic, who played for JUST from 1968 until 1977 when he joined Heidelberg-Alexander, also remains interested in the possibility of returning to Schintler Reserve, but his attitude may change if he is reinstated to the Hellas team.

Steve Wooddon, who was in at Buljevic's expense, aggravated an injury and had to be replaced at half time. Wooddon also will leave in about a month with the New Zealand team for the World cup finals in Spain.

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So they all dropped back in the second half, content to play on the break.

It didn't work though, because the men in blue played as if their lives depended on it. And it was Jim O'Reilly who inspired them by example.

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And he wasn't the only one. Stobodan Jovanovic — although he was lax in giving John Stevenson so much room — was the springboard of most of J.U.S.T.'s attacks down the left, Igor Hazabent defended efficiently, Bruno Cozella was

rewarded for his constant chasing with a brilliantly-taken goal and, as usual, Dennis Boland made a breathtaking save when the result depended on him.

Stevenson, Socrates Nicolaides and Steve Blair were three who did put in the required effort for Hellas.

Nicolaides was in ahead of Blair, because he is faster and therefore was considered better suited to mark Zdravko Lujic.

Indeed, Nicolaides fought like a tiger to keep Lujic at bay.

Blair came on at half time for Wooddon and I did not see him lose a single heading duel.

O'Reilly saved J.U.S.T. with a goal-line clearance from Egan in the eighth minute but Egan made amends by scoring his seventh goal in as many matches when he headed home a minute later, after David Jones had back-headed a Wooddon corner from the near post.

Milne was shown the yellow card over a foul on Wooddon in the 14th minute and when he replaced at half time, Wooddon also will leave in about a month with the New Zealand team for the World cup finals in Spain.

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West Ad. so close to victory!

APIA 0 West Adel. 0

APIA LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 8, Skellern 7, McAusland 7, Bradley 8, Pullen 8, Gray 9, Soper 7, McBrown 6, Hughes 5 (Zaccaroni 59), Butler 7, Burrows 6.
WEST ADELAIDE: Crook, McGregor 7, Totiklas 8, McGachey 8, Dunn 9, Honeyman 8, Brennan 7, Doorne 7, Hays 6, Brown 6, Santrac 6.
Crowd: 4291. **Referee:** Doug Rennie 8.

West Adelaide came to Sydney looking for a point and they took it with ease. Their tight, man to man marking consistently stopped APIA-Leichhardt's drive towards

counter-attacking style almost produced the shock of the round, as Honeyman and on occasions Santrac came close to piercing APIA-Leichhardt's defence.

West Adelaide tried to use Graham Heys during the first half, but Skellern did well to keep the nippy winger out of the game. Towards the end of the first half, West Adelaide switched their attack to the left and attacked through Doorne.

The visitors came close on two occasions soon after the interval.

Their young defender, Robbie Dunn headed over the bar in the 48th minute, then Tim Brown found the net some five minutes later but was



Alex Vesic

Seconds later, Leichhardt had their best chance of the game. Ian Gray made a penetrating run before pushing the ball into the penalty area for Marshall Soper. Martyn Crook came out to dive at Soper's feet and saved a certain goal. Soper had another opportunity in the first minute but his shot went well over the bar.

So, Leichhardt keeps top

results, one in the Ampol Cup-midweek against Marconi and this one, suggest that a hard road lies ahead for Willie Wallace's Maroons.

APIA's best players on the day were Ian Gray, Mark Pullen and John Bradley, while West Adelaide defenders and in particular Rob Dunne must receive their dues for a gutsy display.

As for the new feature, the APIA supporters' club "cubbie house" at the southern end of the ground, one wished that Mr Alfonso Pozzalongo is willing to trade seats with the guys from the Press box. He designed and built the stand, just behind the goal at the southern end, while the Press box is neatly "tucked away" from the action at Lambert Park in

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"It will be the hardest game we've played. They'll be the best organised, the most professional, the best prepared team we've played."

That's how Larry Nunn, the powerfully built, 29-year-old Rapid-West Point defender summed up the coming game between Tasmania's State of Origin team and the team from the Canberra Institute of Sport led by Jimmy Shoulder.

Nunn, an integral part of Tasmania's team, is one of the most gifted and respected players in the State. Both team mates and opponents rate him highly. His skill, his work-rate, and his attitude, make him a players' player.

His standing was confirmed as long ago as 1978 when he won the coveted Rothmans Gold Medal. It is not surprising that he captains his club and State.

Like many a star in Tasmania, Nunn began his career with amateur club Metro-Clermont. Starting in its under-19 team he won the 'best recruit' award and stayed for two years. His next club was Olympia but

ALS takes on Tassie

he only spent about a season and a half with the Greek club before joining White Eagles.

It was with Eagles that Nunn won his Rothmans Gold Medal. Between 1975 and 1979 he also picked up two premierships with the Polish outfit, as well as three 'best and fairest' awards.

Since joining Rapid, Nunn has won a premiership and an Ampol Cup. He represented Tasmania against China in 1975 and was captain of last year's State of Origin team which defeated a Victorian Youth XI and a Tasmanian 'Rest of the World' team.

Larry rates Ken Morton and Steve Darby as the two players he has played under. "Morton certainly managed

to get the best out of his players," says the modest, unassuming star who, strangely enough, didn't start to play the game until he was 15 years old.

Nunn is basically a defender or midfielder, but he can score goals too. A natural left footer, he recently scored a sizzler from the edge of the area against University in the Michael the Tailor Cup. He also scored in the game against Brighton-ICL, but, he is understandably reticent about that effort since it was an own-goal!

Larry's remaining ambition in the game is to win the Cadbury Cup. It is the one trophy that has eluded him. Who knows? This just could be the year!



Larry Nunn

By WALTER PLESS

Hey tops in two sports

To be a star in one sport is an achievement. To excel at two is exceptional.

That's an appropriate adjective to describe Brighton-ICL's speedy 20-year-old fullback, Chris Hey, who, apart from excelling at soccer, also is an accomplished runner.

He has represented Tasmania on several occasions in athletics at underage level and has held a number of State records in the 800 and 1500 metre events.

Hey joined Brighton when he was 16 and has played State League soccer ever since. In his relatively short senior career, Hey has won both a 'best and fairest' award (1979) and a 'most consistent' award (1980).

Chris Hey is an important cog in Tasmania's 'State of Origin' team, but representative honours are nothing new to him. He has represented the State from the Under 12 team on. He even gained Australian representative

honours when he was chosen in Australian Under 19 squads in 1979 and 1980. They certainly were good years for him!

Being a policeman doesn't interfere too much with his soccer, says Hey.

"I had an arrangement with John Taylor last year that if I was working and couldn't turn up for training, I'd go out and train on my own. With games, if I'm rostered on for a match day, it's not all that hard to change with another police officer," he said.

He believes there is a lot of young talent in the State, but he thinks that many are into senior ranks too quickly and can't cope when they get there.

He came through the ranks himself and should know, but he was one of the lucky ones who managed to keep his place.

There's little doubt that this accomplished athlete should be a regular on the Tassie soccer scene for many seasons to come.



Chris Hey

How can a ref cope with 'professional' hit-men?

Pity the poor referee, for he is the person with whom the buck really stops in soccer.

Our whistlers, or rather to people appointing them, are really in a bind.

Take the saga of Ken Small and the Philips League this year.

Ken had a fairly controversial time of it in the Wollongong v Sydney City Hakoah match some weeks ago, when a fracas between the home team's Phil O'Connor and the defending champions' Ian Souness led to the latter's expulsion.

As the spectators present at this torrid interlude and, later, thousands of others glued to their idiot boxes could plainly see, Souness was the subject of intense provocation.

If he deserved to be sent packing from the game — and he may well have — so did his opponent.

Many were not happy with referee Small on that occasion!

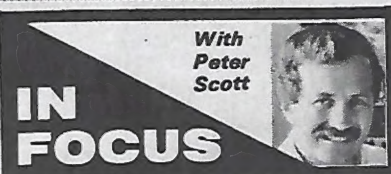
The hapless Small would probably have been happy to let the memory of that little scene in Wollongong fade away.

But it was not to be. Just the other week he once again was the "star" of a soccer match, with his control — or rather, lack of it — of the St George v Sydney Olympic clash.

On a day which was more suited to mud wrestling or the cruder forms of water polo, than soccer, ref Small lost almost all semblance of skillful control as 22 wet warriors set out to back each other to pieces, all in the name of the greater glory of their clubs.

Difficult enough to control at any time, especially on a pitch which lent itself to four metre lunging slides at opponents' ankles and other Silverable parts of their anatomy.

Add to this the explosive ingredient of two perfectly valid



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goals by Olympic being disallowed for unfathomable reasons and you've got the stage set for another "refereeing controversy".

In the meantime a bunch of professional Canadian lumberjacks would have been put to shame by the chopping which went on almost undisturbed.

Naturally the cry went up among officials, in the media and elsewhere almost as soon as the proceedings were mercifully ended.

"We must only use experienced officials in the PSL," thundered "Spider" Maher on 0/28, where he is fast becoming the resident nemesis of referees.

Fair enough. However, a problem remains. How do referees become experienced if they don't get the experience which only can be gained by controlling major games?

If you think I have the answer to this chicken-and-the-egg puzzle — you're wrong. I haven't the faintest!

In the meantime, we must battle along hoping for the best, and Ken, don't give up mate, just be a little more thoughtful and consistent in moments of excitement on the pitch.

In all the mayhem that took place at the Saints' "war" against Olympic and the many statements which followed it, one aspect was completely overlooked.

That aspect is the complete

lack of respect by many of our players for the health and safety of their fellows.

Much is being said about the "professionalism" of our players and clubs, but can there be anything less professional than the willingness, or even eagerness, of some of our so-called "stars" to injure or maim their opponents?

Nowadays most PSL players earn a sizable portion of their income from the sport.

In a few cases it is their only income.

How can players, who may even end up on the same team as their "targets" at some future date, bring themselves to commit almost Neanderthal acts of mayhem under the pretext of playing soccer?

Don't they ever pause to think about the effect of prematurely ending another's career? Obviously they don't.

And the coaches and officials. Don't they apprehend the sully ones, even if after the act, and warn them that there is no place for modified forms of guerrilla warfare, or assault and battery in football? I guess the answer would again have to be in the negative most of the time.

This, of course, reflects on the whole setup — including the referees, who could nip such behaviour in the bud by sending off some of the culprits — without mercy or prior warning.

I personally do not want to hear about professionalism until it is measured by a code of behaviour, as well as the size of inflated pay envelopes.

Building up from the back

I wrote in my last column that it is far preferable to play the ball out of defence rather than kick it speculatively up the field.

What do we need to play out from the back?

The prime consideration on this principle must be the following. Firstly we need players who believe totally in the policy of playing this way from their back third. They must understand the principles involved in its execution and realise the values and consequences of its implementation. We need players to develop the confidence in their own ability to play this way (the coach is vitally important here) and essential is the cooperation of other players not immediately involved in the early stages of the development of the attacks.

How do we play from the back?

Let us assume that the goalkeeper has possession of the ball. As a general principle (although not always the case) we can instruct our full backs to go wide, towards the touchline although one question the value of asking them to run as deep as to the corner flags to receive the ball. Touchline wide in the first 20-25 yards of the pitch, the full backs can then have the ball thrown across and in front of them, so that when they are in possession they are facing and can move forward — the way we intend to move the ball.

The central defenders play a vital part in playing out, in fact they are often the key players.

These two centre backs initially must separate from each other — one pushing forward and away from the penalty area and one dropping short towards the goalkeeper along the edge of the box to have the ball from the goalkeeper, on the half turn. Generally speaking we are asking the rear defenders to stretch wide and forward; to spread when the goalkeeper is in possession.

To enable rear players to have the maximum space available in which to play, the co-operation of other players, both midfield and forwards is essential. By pushing both forward and wide they can assist by vacating the rear and early parts of the middle third of the field.

If we do this, then the dis-



TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

What effect is this action likely to have on opposition defenders, especially their front players who may number 2 or 3 as is often the case?

Certainly, two forward players will have difficulty in containing four defenders should they choose to play this way. If the opposition play with 3 players up front it is likely that two of them will attempt to cut out the ball to the full backs.

If this is not so, then one of the full backs may be able to receive the ball directly from the goalkeeper. If both the full backs are "cut out", then we have two central defenders being confronted by one central attacker. We may now have this situation: (Diagram 2).

If this is so, then 5 must be prepared to receive the ball from the goalkeeper. By doing so he may now:

1. Run the ball forward, keeping his head up if he decides to retreat in front of him.

2. Play directly to 6's feet as 9 approaches the ball, either across 9 or past 9 depending on 9's angle of approach to the ball.

By doing this, we by-pass 9 and have the opportunity to move the ball into the middle third of the pitch.

5 may also use his own midfield players who come back to the ball, as and when required by the man in possession of the ball. Let us suppose that 9 does a good defending job and threatens (by continually shifting his position as he approaches) any ball to 6.

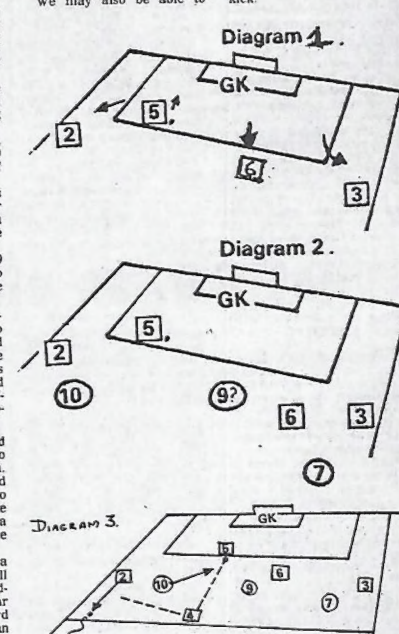
5 may then use midfield players in moving the ball into the middle third of the pitch. By rolling a well-weighted pass even underweighted into 4's feet, as he comes to the ball, he enables 4 to lay off a first-time pass to 6 as he moves in support of the ball.

If we can do this, then as a team, we have moved the ball behind the first bank of defending players and have a rear player (6) in the middle third of the pitch, so making an

move even further forward up to the half-way line by running the ball forward maybe drawing opponents to the ball before again playing to feet. A vital factor, is that when playing from the back, rear players both in possession and otherwise, must play with their head up, in order to see the alternatives available to them. They must be prepared to move into good support positions both ahead of, and behind the ball, as and when required. Passing accurately to feet is also a vital factor.

Playing out from the back in this way, will not be ON every time the goalkeeper has the ball, but players must be made aware of its possibilities and be prepared to implement it as an alternative to the long kick from the goalkeeper.

What we as a team are trying to achieve is composed possession in the middle third of the field from which to continue any further attacks, surely a good alternative to the much overworked long kick.



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World's No.3 bound for England

JULIO Cesar Uribe, the "black diamond" of Peruvian football, is adamant he will be playing in England next season.

The 24-year-old forward, rated his country's key World Cup man, has a \$900,000 price tag and is certain to move abroad after Spain.

Several approaches have been made to Sporting Cristal, Uribe's club in Peru, but he insists: "Leeds are my first choice."

"We have agreed terms and I have given them my word that they have the first option."

Uribe is a quality player

with good skills and a powerful shot in both feet.

In a recent international poll Uribe was voted the third best player in the world — after Argentinian superstar Diego Maradona and Zico of Brazil. Uribe prepares for Spain, where Peru is in a group with Italy, Poland and Cameroon, saying: "The World Cup will put me in the showcase. It is my chance to show I am the best."

IT WAS worse than stealing the Crown Jewels. The whole of Brazil was in uproar recently when thieves had the nerve to break into the Maracana Stadium and steal the ball with which Pele scored his 1000th goal.

The whole nation was outraged and incensed by the theft. So much so that Pele himself had to appear on television and appeal to the culprits to return the ball. The TV company even interrupted one of its top programmes to accommodate Pele.

It worked, though. Two days later the ball was found lying beside a swimming pool after an anonymous tip off to the police.

For the record — Pele's 1000th goal was scored from the penalty spot in the Maracana in 1980 while the legendary Brazilian was playing for Santos against Vasco da Gama.

Ron Greenwood, the England manager since 1977, has confirmed to the F.A. that he will definitely quit after the World Cup finals in Spain. Greenwood, 60, says it's a job for a younger man. Greenwood's successor could be announced in a month's time and favorite is still Bobby Robson of Ipswich Town with other names like John Lyall of West Ham, Laurie McMenemy of Southampton and Keith Burkinshaw of Spurs being band-

From JIM COOK
our European correspondent

which bought him some months earlier from Manchester United. Thomas's wife refused to move from her home in North Wales to Brighton on the South Coast.

Crystal Palace is the latest club to shout poor. The London Second Division side has increased its bank overdraft from \$500,000 to \$1 million to ensure it can pay the wages until the end of the season. And it is in the relegation zone.

Three of the Cameroon Youth Team who played in Australia last year have been banned from playing for a year. Evidently they tried to cash in on their World Youth Championship success by signing contracts with several clubs at the same time.

West Germany plans to have a permanent home for its Cup final instead of it being played at a different club ground each year. Seems likely Frankfurt will get the nod as its Football Association H.Q. is in that city.

Little Forfar Athletic which meets Rangers in one of the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup on April 3 at Hampden Park in Glasgow has only one big name among its players and he is former Rangers keeper Stewart Kennedy. Kennedy won several league championships and cup-final medals with Rangers as well as having five international caps for Scotland.

Austria triumphs, Germans draw

Hans Krankl dispelled recent rumours that he is a spent force as Austria swept to a 3-2 win over long-time rival Hungary in the Nép Stadium in Budapest last week.

Krankl, the doldrums recently, scored Austria's opening goal and played a major role in a victory which will give the Austrians a tremendous boost for the World Cup in Spain starting in June.

But the Austrians, who will meet West Germany, Chile and Algeria in Group Two, almost three victory away after racing into a 3-0 lead after 32 minutes.

Krankl, former winner of the "Golden Boot" as top scorer in Europe, put Austria in front with a 31st minute header.

Walter Schachner, who became the father of a boy minutes before the start of the match, celebrated with a second goal in the 49th minute and Roland Hattenberger took the tally to three in the 52nd minute with a 30-metre drive.

But Hungary refused to accept defeat in the 125th meeting of the nations and stormed back in the second half with goals from Bela Varadi and Tibor Nyilasi.

West Germany held World Cup holder Argentina to a 1-1 draw in Buenos Aires in a friendly international in which neither side managed to gain the upper hand for long.

The Germans played more strongly in the first half and midfielder Dremmler scored after 32 minutes with a shot that bounced off Calderon into the goal.

Argentina's young star, Diego Maradona, was heavily marked and only occasionally held the ball long enough to show a flash of brilliance. Striker Mario Kempes, whose scoring won Argentina the 1978 World Cup, had a disappointing game.

But the tables were turned in the second half when the Argentine forwards intensified their attacks. Calderon scored after 67 minutes, after a lightning series of passes through the West German defence.

The Germans were without three of their key players, strikers Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Klaus Fischer, and midfielder Bernd Schuster.

Details Switzerland 2 (Zappa, Egli), Portugal 1 (Nene); Kuwait 2 (Yousef Al-Sowaid, Abdul Aziz Al-Anbari), United Arab Emirates 0; Czechoslovakia 2 (Radimiec, Jarolim), Greece 1 (Koula); Austria 3 (Krankl, Schachner, Hattenberger), Hungary 2 (Varadi, Nyilasi); Belgium 4 (Verheyen 2, Czeremiatynski 2), Rumania 1 (Ticlenau); France 4 (Zenier, Couriol, Arospen, Genghinil), Northern Ireland 0; Argentina 1 (Calderon), West Germany 1 (Dremmler); Spain 1 (Satruestegui), Wales 1 (James).

Argentine manager Cesar Menotti said Rummenigge's non-appearance in Rio de Janeiro the previous Sunday had been one of the main reasons for West Germany's 1-0 defeat.

Fischer, injured against Brazil, was replaced by Horst Hrubesch, two-goal hero of West Germany's 2-1 European Championship triumph over Belgium in 1980.

Argentina had hoped to welcome back all six River Plate players suspended by their club last month, but goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol was ruled out with suspected hepatitis.

The remaining five, captain Daniel Passarella, defender Alberto Tarantini, midfielder Americo Gallego and strikers Mario Kempes and Ramon Diaz were all in action.

World Cup host Spain incurred the wrath of its disappointed fans when it was held to a 1-1 draw by Wales in an ill-tempered international in Valencia.

The Welsh, missing four players through injury, outran and outplayed the Spaniards in front of an unenthusiastic crowd of 20,000 which came to life only at the final whistle when it sent a rain of cushions onto the pitch in disgust.

Spain, drawn against Northern Ireland, Yugoslavia and Honduras in Group Five, took a somewhat undesired lead in the 26th minute when new cap Juan Estrella split the Welsh defence with a superb pass to striker Jesus Satrustegui.

Satruestegui, one of the few Spanish successes, swerved past Welsh captain, Paul Price and fullback Chris Marustik before clipping the ball past goalkeeper Dai Davies.

But it was one-way traffic towards the Spanish goal after the interval and Alan Curtis hit the woodwork in the 49th minute before Wales finally equalised three minutes later.

Curtis set it up with a splendid solo run which took him past two defenders. He released the ball to Robbie James who smashed a low 25-metre drive past Luis Arconada into the corner of the net.

Spain fielded a weakened team against Wales.

Key midfielder Jesus Zamora, his San Sebastian team mate Miguel Alonso and Barcelona trio Jose Aleasano, Victor Munoz and Enrique Casto "Quini" were all unavailable.

Barcelona's Estrella made his first appearance for Spain, while Ricardo Gallejo, who made a second half debut and scored in the 3-0 win over Scotland last month, played from the start.

Wales called up striker Ian Walsh and Gordon Davies to bolster a squad depleted by the absence of Ian Rush, Leighton James, Jeremy Charles and Brian Flynn.

France beat North Ireland 4-0 in Paris without the midfield inspiration of Michel Platini. He dropped out after straining a thigh muscle in a league game.

Northern Ireland, who crashed 4-0 to England last month, experimented with two wingers — Terry Cochrane and Noel Brotherton — a rarity in the modern game.

Scorers were Bernard Zenier (31 minutes), Alain Couriol (44), Jean-Francois Arios (penalty 57) and Bernard Genghinil (81).

Belgium began its run to Spain by beating Romania 4-1 in Brussels. Manager Guy Thys deliberately chose moderate opposition for the warm-up games so that his squad could perfect techniques without too much strain and also boost morale with a victory.

The Belgian camp was not without problems because rated striker Jan Ceulemans had a groin injury which was beginning to cast doubts on his fitness for the finals.

Scorers were Rene Verheyen (12 and 45 minutes) and Alex Czeremiatynski (58 and 76) for Belgium and Aurel Ricleanu (52) for Romania.

In other games Czechoslovakia beat Greece 2-1 in Prague, Switzerland beat Portugal 2-1 in Lugano and Kuwait beat United Arab Emirates in the Gulf Cup in Abu Dhabi.

Cummings rejoins the State League stars

by CRAIG MACKENZIE

Strikers, centre forwards, goalscorers, finishers — call them what you will — that unique breed of player who brings so much excitement into soccer.

Victoria's State League is blessed with strikers of varied character and skill. Indeed, just about every State League side has one striker upon whom its hopes of scoring rest. From this elite group I've selected Gus Macleod, Ian Loughane, Bobby Toal, Noel Mitten, Duncan Cummings, Dave Brogan and Norrie Pate as the strikers who could make the biggest impact upon the 1982 season.

Of this group surely Macleod's character and on-field appearance stand out like a beacon for fans to home in on. "Big Gus" carried Green Gully Ajax's flag up front with distinction in 1981, his inaugural State League year after an extensive Scottish career, and no doubt he'll do so again in 1982.

The sight of the aggressive, bustling Macleod in action draws praise from Ajax fans and outright scorn from opposing supporters.

He took the brunt of the heavy work up front last year and he'll have to do so again this season. One thing about Macleod is certain — he won't be outdone in physical clashes.

His favorite scoring position is at the far post where his well-timed runs and finishing reap most rewards.

One of the outstanding features of Macleod's game is his heading ability. There's no firmer header of a ball in State League striking circles.

Melbourne Croatia forward Dave Brogan is one of the most exciting ball players in the league. His close ball skills are unmatched among State League strikers.

And in last year's State League Cup competition Brogan showed a unique flair for the unpredictable. His spectacular volley from a horizontal airborne position



Brendan Lakic (Polonia)

able to score from seemingly hopeless positions. As Croatia rebuilds for another title campaign, Brogan will play a crucial role in the club's fortunes.

Croydon will base a lot of its scoring hopes on Ian Loughane's almost uncanny ability to get into dangerous positions inside the opposition's area.

Footscray JUST was interested in signing Loughane last year. Surely he would have been a big bonus for JUST in the PSL.

However the talented Loughane still is under contract to Croydon, much to the pleasure of coach Ken Kontra.

There were times last season when Croydon looked to lack punch up front. No more so than when Ian Loughane was out injured. His importance to Croydon's ability to score can't be emphasised enough.

Duncan Cummings has one hell of a shot. He last was seen in State League circles in 1976, the year when South Melbourne Hellas clinched the State League title before embarking on its PSL experience.

Now Cummings is back. This time he'll be seen in the colors of Hellas-Hakoah and he's bound to find the back of the opposi-

tion makes Cummings one of the top strikers in the State League.

The slimy-built Cummings loves to run at opposing defenders and his speed, combined with well-timed runs off the ball, make him a major threat to teams which use the offside play. Provided the ball is delivered to Cummings correctly and at the right time he can exploit the break as well as any striker in the league.

Sunshine's Norrie Pate, provided he can remain free of injury, is set to write his name indelibly into the scorers' list in 1982.

Pate's at home inside the opposing team's area where his tight ball skills and ability to get in a strike at goal from even the slightest of chances should boost the Shiners' assault on a top four spot.

George Cross striker Bobby Toal has been the subject of conjecture in recent weeks. However the talented Toal is contracted to the Cross for another year and only could be bought "for \$20,000" according to Cross president Ali Zahra.

So Toal will be seen in a George Cross strip again this season.

He's the kingpin of George Cross's strike force.

Toal is a fine all-round player. He shields the ball well, can beat a man, shoots powerfully and times his off-the-ball runs well.

Noel Mitten is after a unique record.

The former Eire youth international has topped the scorers' lists at his last two clubs — Frankston City and Melbourne Croatia. He was with Croatia for two seasons and was that club's leading scorer during both years.

Mitten's game is based upon his acceleration and his ability to get into scoring situations.

He's an unpredictable striker with individual flair and he's bound to be in the thick of the action this season.

Polonia's Brendan Lakic was equal leading scorer in Metro First Division last year.

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Latif revels in the rain

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Perkin) CROATIA 6 (Latif 2, Parton, Adams pen, Brogan, Batiniovic).

FALCONS: Whiteside 4 — Smart 7, Irvine 5, Higham 7, Wilson 8 — O'Callaghan 6, Daniels 6, Thompson 5 (Payne 60th) — Caesar 5 (O'Connor 76th), McKenna 6, Perkins 7.

CROATIA: Pugliese 7 — Parton 6, Kokoska 6, Adams 6, Blower 7 — Ratnovic 6, Faulkner 6, Goljick 7 — Latif 9, Brogan 7, Murphy 7.

Croatia always could turn its hand to water polo if it fails to win the State League championship.

A torrential downpour in the 30th minute sent both teams and the referee scurrying for cover and after the 15 minute stoppage it was visitor Croatia which adapted better to the conditions.

Falcons made the mistake of trying to do too much with the ball after the stoppage whereas Croatia played it long and high and Ossie Latif and Dave Brogan were too quick for the Falcons' back four.

"The game should have been cancelled," said Falcons' player-coach Dave O'Connor.

"The pitch was waterlogged after the downpour and referees must be prepared to cancel games under such circumstances.

"This isn't sour grapes. Croatia thoroughly deserved its result but to me it was a joke that the match went on."

Croatia opened the scoring in the 2nd minute when Ossie Latif burst clear onto Keith Adams' long clearance and neatly slotted the ball past Cliff Whiteside.

Jeff Faulkner took possession in the 12th minute and Nigel Daniels sent Dave Perkins through with Adams in pursuit, Perkin always was going to win the race and he did well to stroke the ball past the advancing Elvio Pugliese.

Livewire Latif was giving Falcons' left back Dave Wilson a hiding. The former Kellor Austria striker again broke through into a one-on-one with Whiteside to give Croatia the lead.

Right on half time Perkin was unlucky not to level when he headed, picked his spot, but headed against the post.

After the interval Sean Parton beat Whiteside to a high ball to head Croatia into a two-goal lead. From then on it was a procession for the visitors.

Latif was brought down inside the Falcons' area and Adams easily converted from the spot.

Pugliese beat Perkin in a race to a poor Steve Kokoska back pass and hammered the ball clear. Parton ran onto the clearance and hit a long ball in behind the square Falcons' defence for Dave Brogan to run onto and clip past stranded Whiteside.

The finale to Croatia's triumph came from Ken Murphy's cross on the left. Ned Batiniovic was unmarked at the back post and expertly stroked the ball into goal from close range.

Mitten to Morwell, Ajax faces Juve

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CRAIG MACKENZIE	Draw	Draw	Ajax	F'ton	Croatia	Polonia	S'shine
BILL VOJTEK	Draw	H-Hak.	Ajax	Draw	Croatia	Polonia	S'shine
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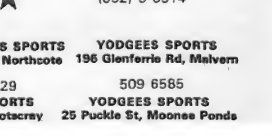
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HELLAS-HAKOAH 1 (Kalifatidis) CROYDON CITY 0

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CROYDON: Edwards 6, Brown 6, Hobson 6, Haupt 6, McCombe 6, Cook 6, Shannon 5 (Lak 60th), Nolan 5, P. Loughnane 5, I. Loughnane 5, Evans 5.

All the excitement in this drab encounter was crammed into the last seven minutes.

Then, Lou Tsigras in the Hellas-Hakoah goal pulled off a brilliant double save that would have done credit to Gordon Banks in his heyday, and from his clearance the home side won a corner.

Second substitute Kris Kalifatidis, standing on the goal-line, made life difficult for Croydon goalie Mick Edwards, who fumbled the ball, and Kalifatidis belted it against the underside of the crossbar.

The ball bounced down and as Croydon played on, and the linesman had no signal, referee Sam Zoumas whistled and pointed to the centre. He then was pursued almost to the halfway line by irate Croydon defenders who claimed the ball had not crossed the line.

Disputed goal though it was, it was some sort of rough justice for Hellas-Hakoah which had been robbed of a penalty earlier when Steve McCombe parried a shot in his area with both hands.

Prior to this stirring finale, the two teams had stumbled, bumbled and fumbled through a travesty of soccer that had lulled about 40 spectators into a stupor.

The highlight of the day was undoubtedly a frisbee-catching demonstration put on by a large, tan-coloured dog of indeterminate breed, whose

speed, agility and frisbee-control would have been an object lesson to the players, were they not in the process of being severely lectured by their respective coaches at the time.

At least, let's hope they were being lectured, for it was painfully apparent that unless both sides improve drastically, they will have great difficulty in forcing themselves into the top half of the table.

No wonder Hellas-Hakoah coach Jim Adam and his committee made strenuous attempts last week to sign the recently returned Sammy Wright, after failing to win over Billy Rogers.

— LES SHORROCK.

Wilhelmina coach Mike de Bruyckere was an angry man after his side's defeat at home.

"Sunshine was awarded 24 free kicks to our three. It was shocking," said de Bruyckere.

"To top it off we scored a perfectly good goal in the second half only to have it disallowed. David Hoyland cut the ball back for Joe Tront who went through on his own and scored. The linesman put his flag up for some strange reason and the goal was disallowed. There was no way Tront could have been offside and I couldn't see any other infringement."

Tront, the ex-Croydon and Victorian midfielder, was bought from Melbourne Croatia last week for \$3000.

Sunshine dominated the first half and



Croydon goalkeeper Mick Edwards (white shorts) goes for the punch to foil Hellas-Hakoah forwards Stan Webster and Peter Abrahams (right). Picture by LES SHORROCK.

was rewarded with a superb solo goal from central midfielder Rob Nelson who picked up possession about 40 metres from the Wilhelmina goal. Nelson beat two opponents, then hammered a fierce shot from the edge of the area low into the bottom corner of goal.

The Shiners stretched their lead in the 65th minute when Norrie Pate bent a defender near the by-line and sent over a hard low cross. John McNally was at the far post about six metres out and hit a first-time shot in.

Wilhelmina's sole reply came five minutes from time. Ken Stewart beat his opponent and crossed far post where Hoyland's header was too well placed for

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Cross recovered its lead when Leszek Dzielnkowski fumbled a bad Stan Klain back pass and ace Cross striker Bobby Toal tapped into the gaping goal.

The game was put well out of Polonia's reach in the 59th minute when a thundering shot by Ray Mizzi cannoned off Mike Pichner's thigh, sending Dzielnkowski the wrong way.

Cross's joy turned into ecstasy when Rigby played the ball forward to Toal who touched it off for the incoming Paul Gambin. The young Cross winger let fly from about 15 metres and once more Dzielnkowski was foiled by a deflection.

Polish import Stefan Mila from Vardia is due to arrive this Saturday morning but he will be given time to acclimatise and won't be in Polonia's line-up for Sunday's game against Ringwood Wilhelmina.

This week
Croydon V George Cross at Croydon Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Doveton V Hellas-Hakoah at Waratah Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Ajax V Juventus at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Northcote V Frankston at John Cain Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Croatia v Albion Rovers at Olympic Park No. 1 Sunday, 3 pm.

Polonia V Wilhelmina at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Sunshine V Morwell Falcons at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Frankston visits John Cain Reserve on Sunday and could record its first win of the league season with Kevin Wall's opportunism the biggest threat to the home side.

George Cross still was negotiating with Sunshine for defender Steve Scerri as we went to press.

Cross offered transfer listed winger Brian Flaherty in a swap for Scerri but Sunshine refused. Then Cross offered \$500. Again the Shiners refused. Cross will raise its cash offer this week.

Polonia was struck with stagelright at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday. It was a black day for the Polish-sponsored club.

Kevin Innes, Marian Jaworski and Richard Sekulski were unavailable through injury and two of Polonia's youngsters were taken to hospital after Sunday's reserve game.

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West Ad's Cup — thanks to Crook

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 ADEL-AIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0, Hellas won on penalties — SA Ampol Cup final.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 9 — Totals 8, McGachey 8, Dunn 9, Booth 8 — Brennan 7, Doorne 7, Honeymann 8 — Santner 7 (McGregor 4th, 7), Heys 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 7 (Ferguson 4th), Russell 8, Flounders 9, 8, Nyakhusu 8, Dods 8 — Marochi 7, Melia 7, Villot 9 — Northcote 5, Mitchell 8, J. Nyakhusu 8 (Marangoni 10th).

West Adelaide Hellas won its ninth Ampol Cup with a dramatic penalty-kick showdown against Adelaide City at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The scores were tied at 0-0 after extra time, forcing the Cup to be decided on penalties.

Martin Crook, who had a brilliant match, was the hero when he stopped Gary Marochi's penalty — City's final attempt.

With the scores tied 4-4, Neil McGachey stepped up to blast the ball into the roof of the net to give the Cup to West.

Earlier Brian Northcote, Charlie Villani, Sergio

Marangoni and Sergio Melia had netted from the penalty spot.

West's successful quarter of penalty takers before McGachey's crucial kick were Graham Honeymann, David Doorne, Zoran Maric and Mick Brennan.

The defeat was a bitter blow to City which had been on top for most of the match but failed to beat Crook.

Crook flung himself to his right to divert a blistering David Mitchell header in the second half and followed that up with another superb save from another Mitchell attempt.

West, which went into the match without Steve Sum-

ner, Jimmy Wright and Manecas (injured) had further setbacks when Adrian Santner came off at half time with an injury and was followed by Allan Booth at the end of normal time.

City's grip on the match began to slip in extra time when West had begun to get on top of the tiring 1981 Ampol Cup winners.

Tim Brown and Ian McGregor had chances to kill City off just before the end of extra time, but failed to add the finishing touches.

— MENO TOUTSIDIS

Names, schmames, they're all the same!

Dear Gary,

Disregarding your affiliation with "Let's keep it ethnic" Soccer Action for one moment, what is your honest opinion of the ASF marketing idea of a nickname for every PSL club?

P.S. Carn the Warriors!

Firstly let me say that "Soccer Action" never has to use ethnic or any other names in my column. Nor does it edit the names of clubs that I have written about.

Therefore what you see in print is the name that comes to mind at the time of writing.

My honest opinion is that a club chooses its own name, and the supporters call the club what they will. After all they do pay for the privilege.

ASF marketing only came up with the idea to try and "Americanise" the game of soccer here further. After all they are the same people who market soccer in the U.S. where we have Fort Lauderdale Strikers, Washington Diplomats and Tampa Bay Rowdies etc. Sounds kind of familiar, doesn't it?

In Europe, England especially, nicknames are usually part of a club's history and were developed by the supporters.

For instance, Arsenal are the Gunners because its players originally came from the local arsenal or gun storage depot.

Chelsea is known as the Pensioners because of the huge war veterans' home just up the road from Stamford Bridge, and of course there are hundreds more nicknames.

The one thing all the British nicknames have in common is that they have come about through the supporters who use the nicknames as a jovial substitute.

In Australian nicknames have been thrust upon clubs who have had their ethnic names removed from them and to many people this is not right.

To me, it really doesn't matter what a club is called but I know at Heidelberg the supporters are very proud of the "Alexander" name tag, the same way that South Melbourne followers are proud of "Hellas" and Adelaide City fans of "Juventus".

One thing is for sure — five or six years ago when Alexander and Hellas clashed you would see a crowd of between 10,000 and 15,000. Now you're lucky if you get between 6,000 and 8,000.

The standard of the football has improved but now it's Warriors versus Gunners and the ethnic ties have gone. It certainly makes you wonder.

This week Heidelberg plays Preston or Alexander plays Macedonia or the Warriors play the Rams.

If you reorganise your favorite team name then come along to the game because it should be a cracker, oops, I mean a dry biscuit.

What's in a name anyway?

Carn the Warriors!

NSW AMPOL CUP

Budapest reserves in semis

By ALEX VESIC

The N.S.W. Ampol Cup continued last Wednesday with a treble programme at Marconi Stadium. St George seconds downed Sydney City seconds, to qualify for the quarter finals, while Blacktown Demons eliminated Wollongong City with a fine goal by Johnstone.

In the last game of the evening, Marconi completely outclassed the PSL leader, APIA-Leichhardt 5-0, with two goals coming from young but talented Renato Licata.

The cup continues tonight (Wednesday) with quarter final games. Two games are already decided, with Marconi and Blacktown qualifying for the semis. Tonight the programme is as follows:

CROATIA — SYDNEY OLYMPIC, MELITA — ST GEORGE.

Blacktown 1 Wollongong 0

Score: Johnston.

BLACKTOWN: Jones, Wheatley, Rasmussen, Brogan, Pointer, Selva, Houszoni, Kratic, Quarmby (Jones), Johnston, Kirwan.

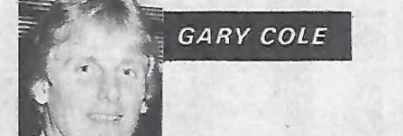
WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Willis (McLendon), Bartogno, Dunlavy, Alinsworth, Adam, Fontana, (Krat), Fleming, Cotton, Campbell, O'Connor.

The first quarter-final encounter showed a lot of fire and enthusiasm from both sides, with Blacktown the deserved winner after 90 minutes of play.

With half an hour gone it was Branko Kratic who engineered Blacktown's only goal. His pin-point pass found Johnstone on the edge of the area, a fierce shot followed and the Demons were one up.

Towards the end of the game Blacktown came close to scoring through Jones, first from a cross by Kratic, then from a cross by Kirwan. With

Any questions? Gary Cole will answer them. Write to him C/-Soccer Action, 603 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Vic.



GARY COLE

Manly, Melita entertain, a new ski stars again

Melita E. 1 Manly 1

Score: Farrugia (ME), Terry Smith (M).

MELITA: McPherson, McCoy, Daley, Bottalico, Ankudinoff, Farrugia, Williams (Vial 04), Jamieson, Allen, Cross, Rudini.

MANLY: Ellis, K. Falconer, Doyle, Dick, Geoghean, Noble, Lock, P. Falconer, Smith Terry (B. Smith 75), Rogers, Stuart.

The top of the table clash Manly played on a waterlogged ground at Melita Stadium, showed some surprisingly good soccer. Both sets of players appeared ignored the conditions to show what can be done to please the spectators no matter what — rain or shine!

In fact the game lived up to the "top of the table" billing and most people at the ground were quite happy with the result.

There were some voices of "We wuz robbed" from the Manly camp following an incident in the 63rd minute, when Robbie Stuart scored but the goal was disallowed for alleged striking of the goalkeeper.

Stuart took the kick, the ball appeared to have gone through the keeper's hands and was slowly trickling over the line, when McPherson lunged for it. Stuart came through and scored but after consulting the linesman, the referee awarded a free kick to Melita.

Ten minutes earlier Manly had gone into the lead through the old Sydney City stalwart Terry Smith. A cross by Lock on the left went through many legs before reaching Smith some 10 metres from goal. The old poacher showed he had lost none of his touch as he neatly tucked the ball away for Manly's opener.

Had the goal in the 63rd minute been allowed one feels that the Seaside's would have had the game in the bag.

As it was, it was now Melita's turn to come forward and attack. They showed more penetration towards the end and were rewarded with a goal some 12 minutes before the end. From yet another cross, which was headed down by Allan, Farrugia found the gap to tap the ball into the net and make it 1-1.

Blacktown 4 Avala 1

Score: Jones 2, Scheinberg, Kevin (Black), Lembray, Blacktown: James, Wheatley, Quarmby, Brogan, Pointer, Selva, Houszoni, Kratic, Quarmby (Jones), Johnston, Kirwan.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Willis (McLendon), Bartogno, Dunlavy, Alinsworth, Adam, Fontana, (Krat), Fleming, Cotton, Campbell, O'Connor.

With 29 minutes gone, Dunlavy found Henderson with a great through ball. "Captain Soccer" quickly crossed for Ian Hunter to flick home the first goal. On the stroke of half time it was Dunlavy again, pushing forward for Henderson to run through and score.

Seconds after the restart, the result was put beyond doubt. Dennis Colusso found Hunter, who cut the ball back into the penalty area for Renato Licata to make it 3-0. A few minutes later, Tony Morcello got his marching orders for retaliation to cap a miserable evening for the APIA youngsters.

Then a fine counter attack produced a brilliant solo run goal by Renato Licata. Victor Bozanic hit a long through ball for Licata to run away from Leichhardt's defenders and beat the advancing keeper.

Hilton Silva scored late in the game to make it 5-0 and

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

affair with the Demons holding a slight edge but with very little penetration up front. Avala made up for some of the misses when they scored through Lembray with 10 minutes to go but Peter Jones scored a superb goal with some five minutes remaining to keep the two sides three goals apart.

It was a tough but enterprising affair with Barton and Karanilovski among the best for Avala, and Kirwan, Houszoni and Salvage the best among the Demons.

Auburn 1 JM Utd 4

Score: Sullivan (Aub), Link 2, Doherty (JMU).

AUBURN: Bowman, McInerney, Bealy, Pronovito, Sullivan, Grieve, Quigley, Dale, Carney, Pondak (Tansley 67), Jones (Johnston 67).

JM UNITED: Sancesco, Greedy, Charles, Santolito, McLatchey, Lawler, Doherty, Link, Kawalessa, Johns (Kennedy 76), Heywood.

Auburn crashed to their third defeat in a row, following a dismal performance on Saturday at Garside Park. Another State League club without a ground at the moment, Auburn played its first "home" match at Francis Park, then again JM United at Garside Park the home of Parramatta City.

It may sound an excuse for their third loss, but it isn't. They know that they've played badly and deserved to be beaten. Only a week ago they draw with the same side in a deferred Ampol Cup match 0-0.

With five minutes of the game remaining, Doherty exploited Bowman's error to make it 3-0 and the game was all but over.

Auburn came back in the second half and looked like grabbing a point after scoring its first in the 54th, but soon after Johns caught the Auburn defence napping to score from a counter-attack and make it 4-1 to seal the points.

Yugal 0 Polonia 0

YUGAL: Barry, Rendell, Cummings, McLetchy, Augustine, Stanning, Mihajlovic (Caraceni), McGrath (Travini), Rodas, Rokodera, Tanovski.

POLONIA: Kalinowski, Fuller, Lasak, Divani, Grosse, Galas, Sookne (Lowe 16), Groszewski, Garski, Wisniewski, Dickson, Naman.

Yugal and Polonia battled to a 0-0 draw at Soccer Centre at Bankstown with Yugal, slightly the better of the two sides on the day, the unlucky loser of a point.

It was that man Kalinowski again who stopped everything that was thrown at him. After this match, his coach, Komoda was happy: "Kalinowski showed superb relief," remarked Polonia's coach.

As for Yugal, it was not only Kalinowski but some poor shooting which let them down. They started the game without Clark, Goldrevic, Bobbin and Doherty — four of their main

all their good work however, was wasted in the penalty area. Tanovski, then Mihajlovic, missed sitters and Rokodera hit the crossbar to add to their frustrations.

Chances apart, Yugal played some fine football at times with Rodas, Tanovski and Rokodera the outstanding players. For Polonia, Kalinowski had a fine game and so did Galas, Divani and Garski.

Polonia's new secretary, Tony Cardillo, was happy with the draw after a hectic week which resulted in the dismissal of the club's president, Mr Kordek. According to Mr Cardillo, Mr Kordek was dismissed by the club's council.

Riverwood 1 Canterbury 0

Score: B. Walker.

RIVERWOOD: Lechowicz, Barry, Butcher, D. Smith, Coates (Forrester 75), Juschniewski, Treacy, Stoddart, Parker, Walker, Jones.

Riverwood issues a challenge to the State League leaders with a narrow, but sound victory over Canterbury at Arlington Oval. Throughout the game Riverwood were the better side and had their forwards taken half of the chances created, the difference would have been properly expressed.

As it was Riverwood kept coming forward and making chances, only to see their front runners make a mess of it with their final shots.

Riverwood's coach, Atti Abonyi, was satisfied with the way his team played, but still unhappy about some of the aspects of his team's approach to finishing: "We were creative and in the conditions which prevailed, what with the rain and heavy ground, we showed how to penetrate into our opponents' penalty area and how to please spectators," said Abonyi.

As for the missed chances: "One day, they'll go in and someone will be in for a ban, mering," added the ex-Socceroo.

The goal which decided the issue came midway through the first half. Terry Jones exploited space on the left flank before crossing hard and low into the goalmouth for Walker to volley a first timer passed El Zein.

Bankstown 1 Rockdale 2

Score: Wilmot (B), J. Morosello, Tanovski (R).

BANKSTOWN: Lohman, Blackburn, Radovack, Jones, Rootsey (Beck), Drinn, Wilmot, Dalton, Siwert, Kocera, Farthing.

ROCKDALE: Lindlen: Kotkotchamps, Matheson, O'Rourke, Grahams.

Bankstown 1 (Wilmot) at Bankstown.

Riverwood 1 (Walker) at Arlington.

JM United 4 (Link 2, Doherty, Jones) Auburn 1 (Sullivan) at Garside Park.

Polonia 0 Yugal 0 at Bankstown.

TOP SCORERS: 4. Regan (CM), Sultana (RI) 3. Brown (CM), Kirwan (BD) 2. Lembray (AL), Johns, Link (JMU), Stuart (MW), Farrugia, Rudini (ME) Jones (R), Grosse (SL), Mihajlovic (Y), Tranter (C) Jones, (BD).

This week: Riverwood — Blacktown Avala — Bankstown Rockdale — Melita Eagles Wetherfield — Canterbury Polonia — Croatia J.M. United — Yugal Manly Warringah — Auburn

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Dockerty returning

Tommy Dockerty is on his way back to Sydney.

Having been sacked by Preston North End some time ago, Dockerty is expected to become manager of his previous club, Sydney Olympic.

The present coach, Doug Collins, should stay on as coach under Dockerty's guidance.

Following that goal, Walker hit the crossbar twice within a space of minutes. Canterbury offered very little resistance and only occasionally looked dangerous.

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STATE LEAGUE Melita 1 (Farrugia) Manly 1 (T. Smith) at Melita Stadium. Croatia 2 (Tranter, Hengeman) Sutherland 0 at Tomislav Park.

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NEPOKORNI JUST

Iako je trenutno oblika ostao na PLAVIM tabornu, prelozodolna utakmica sa Helsom je donela veliko otklapanje. JUST je izveo zlatan bod sa 10 igrača i postigao moratnu pobedu u ljetonim trenutku, jer je borba za opstanak u Philipsu bila uzbuđujuća ostalih polovinu od zlatne važnosti. Medutim, najviše privlače sponu upeval na zelenom polju. Kada se guči, on vide ova ostala nedostataka. Ali kada se dođe, onda se kisa i vetar slatki, lakog nagle zasuta od prirodnih nepogoda na JUST-ovim igralistu.

Ipak, na treba zabrinuti, u trenutku otklapanja, JUST je ostao u posjednosti mesta sa Newcastonu, Wollingtonom i Canberru. Naredno razmatra sa Helsom je spaseo PLAVE da na ostaju usamljeni na dnu tabele. Ali nem je pokazao i prostu letinu da bez autera nema golova. JUST je ostao na putu u seriju na gol Helsa, i to je definitivno. Prvo je Pavle Sticic sa "dlatu" promenio, kada je koga prebacio preko prečke, onda je Zdravko Lide izmudro kormer, posto je iznenadio

golmana jakim udarcem iskosu. A traci put je Bruno Cozzella lekupio sve grehove ova sezona, kada se raslo da sutra sa 28 metara. Na, nja to bio amajlen udarcu, jer je izgubio miedio bio mnogo nerasnet ova godina. Promašeno je sa 5 metara skoro prazan gol, tako da je izgubio povaranje u sebe. Bude ga je povratio, jer je imao hrabrosti da napravi ocalnički korak.

Sledeca nedelja je JUST igra u Bydnaju protiv proslogodnjeg Newca. Nekom se iznasmalo ako se PLAVI vrate sa prvom pobodom u dzupu. A to se moze dogoditi, ako se na uspevu na lovorikama uspeha sa Helsom.

DERBI U MELBURNU
MAKEDONIJA je ostavila bodu Newca, tako je nadigrala do macima. Crno-crvena navala se ovom prilikom uspevala. Nije lakostila idejama znanu, dok je domacin porivogio letin gol.

Susat sa Heidelberg/Aleksandrom odudev je ovaj prelatio grane klocu Kex City na ovom igralistu, Palasy Reserve, North Altona.

Igralistu Makedonija u Reservoiru. Ova klub su jednake na tabeli imaju po 9 bodova i silicu gol razliku. Jedino Makedonija ima bolju navalu, eto da ocaliosti pobednika ovog zanimljivog susreta.

Georgi Todorovski sa idealno uklopilo u novu sredinu. Bio je jedan najboljih igrača u Newca i lica glavni adut Makedonije protiv Aleksandra.

DVA RIVALA U DRZAVNOJ LIGI
Ove godine ce biti kao i prošle, sto se tice Drazne lige Viktorija. Za prvo mesto se sa boriti CROATIA i AJAX i moliti sa Bogu da jedno od dva poslednje mesta u Philipsu igri zauzme jedan klub iz Melburna.

FAWKNER — ALTONA GATE/
VANDAR 5:2 (1:1). Na mekom igralistu Fawknera igrač Vardara sa zaborevili kako se igra nogomet. Ipak bi se nekako izvudli da golman Vince Sharpe nije imao jako los dan. Stralci: George Scoral i Vlado Kotovski. Sastav: Altona Gate: Vince Sharpe, Steve Dimovski, Jimmy Devicovski, Jone Sarovski, Vlado Kotovski, Caka Prasilak, Dany Acenik, Con, Boris (Cala Tavorak), George Scoral, Con Ignatija, Venco Bozlovski. Sledeca subota Altona Gate/Vardar docekule Kex City na ovom igralistu, igraču Reserve, North Altona.

WATERLEY — DRUGI TIM
JUST — 1:0 (1:0). PLAVI su završili utakmicu sa 9 igrača, ali nisu zbog toga smeli da ostave ova boda protivniku, jer su imali zlatu stranu. Vlatko Batic je lebacen u 80. minutu zbog prigovora sudca, a Milan Koljo je iznet povredjen u 83. minutu. Posto su rasle zamernone dva igrača, JUST je zadnjih deset minuta bio brojno slabiji od borbenog i grubog protivnika. Inace, PLAVI su igrali kao da su na poljanctu. Bez cilja i amala. Sastav: Milutin Crljić, Vasko Stojanović, Tom Karic, Ljuba Talevski, Dence Smargovski, Dragan Janjic, Milan Koljo, Vlatko Batic, Zeljko Mitohac, Emil Petrov (Dragan Blisovic od 82. minuta), Ivica Karic (Robert Stofa od 82. minuta). Sledeca subota, 3 aprila JUST igra derbi utakmicu protiv Ringwood/Srbija na ovom igralistu u Footscrayu.

RINGWOOD/SRBIA — DRUGI TIM
TIM HELABA 2:2 (1:2). Stralci: Tony Curruš i Boris Batic. Igralistu kao vankusa razila. Daboko od doma, gradaka buke i svih gradjevine deluje kao melem na dušu i telo, odjednom odmore i odmor je bio svescan dan za Srbiju, koja je primila u goste bratski klub Beograd iz Adelaide. Iz sline zale da se pokazu pred gostima iz Adelaide, igraču Srbije na igralu neravno, pa

su neravno izgubili bod, lako su nadigrali protivnika. Pred kraj utakmice sudija je zazmurio da ne bi dozudio jedanaesterac u korist Srbije, a Peter Vaughan je presao pet igrača i u surbi pogodio golmanu, ma da je bio lakos poslati loptu u praznu mrazu. Neki krive golmana Milana Cvijica za ova gola, ali zaborevaju da je zaborevaju da nije prica, lako je neobican covak. Kod prvog gola je bio polbrat, a drugi put se lopta odbila od stative u mrežu. U nedelju je bio glavna fra protiv Beograda, dok nije bio sprovedjen. Odmorniji gost iz Adelaide pobedili su sa 2:0 (1:0).

WERRIEBE — DRUGI TIM
MAKEDONIJA 2:1 (2:0). Makedonija se probudila tek pred kraj utakmice, kada je bilo nemoguće izmeniti rezultat u svoju korist. Jedini gol je postigao Con Opaslin. Sastav Makedonije: Gar Otrankos, Bil Atanasovski, Jim Tanovski, Arthur Christov, Arthur Donis, Con Opaslin, Jim Belavski, John Little, Sali Magpano, Mick Nilzon, Boggy Karavak (George Lazarov od 80. minuta). Najbolji igrač: Arthur Christov, Jim Belavski i Con Opaslin.

ALTONA UT/VOJVOJINA — WEST BRUNSWICK 1:2 (0:2). Dok se je Vojvodina sredila i shvelila da je utakmica posala, protivnik je

valio sa 2:0. Posle je trebalo mnogo vremena i trude da Paul Gatto iz slobodnog udarca ublaži stan na 2:1. Sastav Vojvodine: Stan Peaska, Tony Dimovski, George Balenji (Vaclav Pita), John Sklenar, Josip Pavic, Veljko Dupar, Andrija Marink, Paul Gatto, Adam Miller, John Gatalevski (Cala Bimonovali), Slobodan Dimitrijević. U Predgri je rezerva Vojvodina pobedila sa 7:3 (2:1). Stralci: Mladen Oravec 3, Andrija Kotava 2, Pavle Oravec 1 John Zdravković za Mladu. Sastav rezerve: Bruno Krijan, Drazo Conko Javli, Pasa Koladi, Janko Cuz, Pavle Oravec, John Zdravković, Charlie Mlad Oravec, John Poljak, Dora Simovski.

LALOR UT/DOLGA — HAWKSBURN 1:1 (1:1). Bio je ovo drugi dan derbi neah klubova, jer je u 85. minutu Jani Palo iznet sa igralista sa sklonjenom nogom na dva mesta. U ovom mladosti i sportske sezone, star je 26 godina, morao da nosi plave 8 meseci, sto je taza naga dobitna roblja za mladog covaka. Povredilo se u sudaru sa Stojanovskim, koji je lako sa djeonom, tako je nadigran klub Dolga. Nije mialo na posledice svog ostrong starta, koji je njegovog sportskog kolegu teško unevredilo. Zalimo da eto pre prebodi junačka sportska reza. Moramo spomenuti da sudija

nije bio na vialni zadetka po mlaženju nasog srednika Slavka Dragic, dok se Slova uzdrzala od komentara. Stralci: Bil Dimovski u 18. minutu za Slopu i Jene Kalmar u 44. minutu za Hawksburn. U 23. minutu sudija je opravdano doazadio jedanaesterac u korist Hawksburna, posto je Vasko Stojanović, igrač ruku, udarcu sa bele tacke nije iskoriscen, jer je Franc Palinkas sutirao pravo u golmana. Sastav Slope: Boris Iljevski, Nick Morihovida, Vasko Stojanović, George Josavski, Bil Stojanović, Bil Petrovski (Ljuba Iljevski od 70. minuta), Rata Rilevski, Kira Veljanovski, Ljupko Kotovski, Ljuba Stojanović, Bil Dimovski. Najbolji igrač: George Josavski, Bil Dimovski, Boris Iljevski. Sastav Hawksburna:

Janica Ragan, Laci Palo (Steve Bleakany od 12. minuta, Jace Sebo od 48. minuta), Thor Berudeli, Feri Cah, Andra Kazi, Ferenc Palinkas, Stjepan Kanton, Jani Palo, Jene Kalmar, Slavko Vlado, Stave Derak. Najbolji igrač: Andra Kazi, Thor Berudeli, Jene Kalmar. Rezerve su takod je igrali merasno 1:1 (0:1). Stralci: Ed Bachyevic u 21. minutu za Hawksburn, Pace Valukovski u 28. minutu iz slobodnog udarca. Zbog povreda na treninju nije igrao Slavko Dragic, koji je bristivo nastupio ova izvestaji.

WEST HAM FANS GAVE \$2,000 TO A. J. SCOT

By PAUL MOON

After all its internal problems of the past few months, Adelaide City Juventus was due for a change of luck and it came in the unlikely form of ex-Scottish international goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson.

Ferguson, 36, migrated late last year to join his wife's parents, who have been settled in South Australia since 1950. At the time he had no intention of extending his playing career, but found Juventus officials to be extremely persuasive. Described in the mid sixties as the greatest young goalkeeper yet produced by Scotland, Ferguson did not quite fulfill that early promise but will be assured of a niche in the game's annals.

Born in Ardrossan, Ayrshire, he joined the local Kilmarnock club after leaving school and quickly succeeded Scotland's international Campbell Forsyth in the "Killie" goal.

Ferguson was one of the heroes of the little provincial club's remarkable league championship success of 1964-65. Kilmarnock went into its last game, away to leader Heart of Midlothian, needing a two-goal victory to snatch the title. It won 2-0!

Already possessing eight youth caps, he was called up for senior international duty in November, 1965 against Wales. This was the first of seven times he represented the Caledonians, the most memorable being a 1-1 draw with World Champion Brazil.

Remarkably, Ferguson's last international outing was for the under 23 selection — his first at this grade, despite being a senior representative of three seasons standing!

He now had the complete set, already having played for the Scots at full and youth levels, as well as appearing twice for the Scottish League.

Loss of form, injuries and contract disputes combined to make sure that the early few seasons at Upton Park did not run smoothly. Still, he was first choice until October 1973 when dropped and placed on

The East Londoners'

Bobby Ferguson at West Ham United: Back row: Billy Bonds, Kevin Lock, Bill Green, Mervyn Day, Ferguson, Frank Lampard, Tommy Taylor, Alvin Martin. Second row: Ernie Gregory (coach), Bill Lansdowne (coach), Paul Brush, Trevor Brooking, Keith Robson, David Danson, Alan Taylor, John McDowell, Mick McGiven, John

enigmatic form affected their goalkeeper's confidence and he lost his status as Scotland's number one.

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His successor, Mervyn Day, in the meantime was producing brilliant performances for the "Hammers" and made such rapid strides that he was soon laying claim to a place in the England squad as third choice "keeper" behind Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton.

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Unfortunately the decline in Day's fortunes was just as dramatic as his rise to fame. Following a series of terrible performances in late 1977, he was dropped and Ferguson recalled.

After being in the reserves for four and a half years, the former international found adjustment to the First Division difficult, but gave a series of gallant performances behind a leaky defence.

Unfortunately it wasn't sufficient to prevent the "Hammers" from being relegated.

The next season was only 11 games old when West Ham bought english international goalkeeper Phil Parkes from Queen's Park Rangers for £1,054,000.

Parkes, consistent and durable, restricted the Scot to just a couple of appearances in the next 30 months. At one time a transfer to Cardiff City appeared likely but the deal fell through, despite a period on loan in South Wales, and Ferguson had to be content with acting as Parkes' understudy.

At least he had the honor of being on the Wembley reserves' bench during West Ham's FA Cup final, Charity Shield and league Cup final appearance.

Always a favorite among West Ham fans, Ferguson drew an attendance of 8,838 to his testimonial game in April last year, which netted him \$20,000.

A couple of weeks later he left Upton Park for the last time. In total he can boast 318 English and Scottish League appearances.

Now his career has entered its final, intriguing chapter, in and extremely challenging season in Australia.

Traditionally goalkeepers enjoy far longer periods in top line football than their team mates.

Veteran custodians abound in international soccer today. Italy's Dino Zoff, still a master of his craft, is four years older than Ferguson, who is a contemporary of Pat Jennings.

The Scot presents a formidable barrier to all the PSL's leading marksmen.

Blokhin & Co. turn Brazilian!

By PETER SCOTT

The Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia were the two favorites in European Group 3 of the World Cup qualifiers and both reached the Promised Land of Spain — but only just.

Wales threw a sizable rock into the calm pond of this group, but the excitement touched only the Czechs as the Soviets were head and shoulders above their four opponents.

Directed by master manager Konstantin Beskov, the red-and-whites are taking on the characteristics of a great team, the number of their class players is increasing, a distinctive style of determined, fast and, at the same time, individualistic football has been formulated.

The proof? Eight qualifying games without defeat and a scoreline of 26-2! It is thus that the way has been cleared to make the USSR one of the favorites for Spain.

The road to success wasn't a simple one, especially in defence, where only Chivadze and Susmelidze stood out while their fellows are fit, honest and workmanlike, without the ability to stamp their own distinctive personalities on a game.

Not many changes are expected between now and June, but the squad of Kiplani was eagerly looked forward to, following the skillful Georgian's injury at a tournament in — of all places — Madrid.

Ranked among the world's best, the balding "conductor" of the Soviet squad resumed training after a long break in the latter part of last year.



Oleg Blokhin of Dynamo Kiev with his haul of trophies, from left: the Coupe Mohamed V, European Cup Winners' Cup and the Super Cup.

The backbone of the squad is intact, with goalie Dasaiev, the two earlier mentioned defenders, midfielders Buriaik, Gavrilov, Daraselia and Besonov, as well as strikers Blokhin and Sengelia all on call, having performed in outstanding fashion last year.

The "new" style of the Soviets is a lot different to the determined, competent, but plodding soccer performed year in and year out by their predecessors. It is more akin to Brazil's rhythmic, ever-changing style of today.

In Blokhin and Sengelia, Beskov has two lethal finishers of a type that any team in the world would mortgage its stadium to acquire.

The Soviet squad is built around three major clubs — Dynamo Kiev, Dynamo Tbilisi and Spartak Moscow. In fact, Beskov's main job is as coach of Spartak, and he calls on his colleagues with

the other two clubs freely — and receives their full co-operation.

This has resulted in an atmosphere conducive to achieving greater things than Soviet football so far has managed. There is a sense of confidence in success which has permeated Soviet soccer recently.

In the run-up to June, fitness is number one priority, as Soviet teams in previous World Cups got off to flying starts only to wilt as the others left them behind at the latter stages.

But there have been outstanding performances by individuals in previous years. Yashin and Blokhin have both won the European Golden Ball for the Continent's outstanding player.

Even though last year no Soviet player won, three were placed in the top ten!

Beskov set two targets for the Soviet squad last year: first, qualifying for Spain and then gaining one of the top three places.

They are halfway there already!

FACTS AND FIGURES

THE PAST: The Soviet Union has qualified for four World Cup finals in the past (1958, 1962, 1966, 1970). Its best effort was in 1966, losing 2-1 to Portugal in the playoff for third place.

THE PRESENT: qualifying results were — Iceland (a) 2-1, Iceland (h) 5-0, Wales (a) 0-0, Turkey (h) 4-0, Turkey (a) 0-0, Czechoslovakia (h) 2-0, Wales (h) 3-0, Czechoslovakia (a) 1-1.

The Soviets' goals were scored by Blokhin (6), Sengelia (5), Andreiev (2), Oganesjan (2), Besonov, Chivadze, Daraselia, Gavrilov and Giemenianko.

Authority: USSR Football Federation (founded 1912; FIFA 1948).

Population: 242 million, total players 4.5 million.



The USSR lines up before its 0-0 draw with Wales, from left: Chivadze, Dassyev, Baltacha, Andreyev, Blokhin, Kiplani, Sulakvelidze, Borovski, Oganesyan, Buryak, Besonov.

World Cup achievements: 1958 quarter finals, 1962 quarter finals, 1966 fourth place, 1970 quarter finals. Finals appearances: 1958, 1962, 1966, 1970.

Manager: Konstantin Beskov, record in charge (current terms of management): 21-14-5-22, 47-16.

Europe Group 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Russia.....	8	2	2	2	2	14	4
Czechoslovakia.....	8	4	2	0	5	10	10
Wales.....	8	4	2	2	12	7	10
Iceland.....	8	2	2	4	10	21	6
Turkey.....	8	0	0	8	1	22	0

PROBABLE WORLD CUP 22

Name	Club	Pos	Age	Caps
Ruslan Dassyev	Mosc Spartak	GK	25	17
Otar Gabelin	Tbilisi	GK	29	1
Viktor Chenev	Shek Donetsk	GK	23	1

Targis Sulakvelidze	Tbilisi	DEF	26	17
Alexander Chivadze	Tbilisi	SW	27	15
Yuri Susmelidze	Torpedo	FB	24	5
Sergiy Borovski	Dyn Minsk	LB	26	8
Sergiy Balachva	Dyn Kiev	ST	24	8
Anatoly Danyanenko	Kiev	FB	23	4
Alexander Bulnov	Mosc Dynamo	FB	27	20
Vital Daraselia	Tbilisi	MF	25	4
Andrei Bal	Kiev	MF	24	0
Vladimir Besonov	Kiev	MF	24	24
Yuri Gavrilov	Spartak	MF/AT	29	17
Leonid Boryak	Kiev	MF	29	17
Dmitri Kiplani	Tbilisi	MF	18	19
Ramus Shengelia	Tbilisi	OL/OR	24	12
Oleg Blokhin	Kiev	OL	30	48
Sergiy Andreyev	SKA Rostov	CF	26	14
Kharon Oganesyan	Aranest	AT	27	11
Vladimir Gutsay	Tbilisi	CF	30	9
Vladimir Yevstufenko	Tbilisi	AT	24	2

Note: International "caps" (full internationals only) details are correct as at February 16.

Live-in clinics

With the Juniors,
by FRED BROOKS

Many people have asked me in recent months if there is any chance of running live-in clinics for junior players. Such clinics are held at the University of New England in northern NSW.

After making various enquiries I have found that it is possible to hold such a clinic in January 1983.

The state Director of Coaching, Tim White, is keen on the idea and will bring it up at the coming meeting in Sydney of the different state Directors of Coaching.

Apart from the junior players' clinic it also seems possible that we could hold a Preliminary Coaching Course for junior coaches. Anyone interested in doing such a course, be they junior coaches or players, can contact me on 457 6315 to enable me to gauge demand for such a clinic.

Mulgrave will host a series of games against Latrobe Valley's U/12, U/13, U/14 and U/15 representative teams on Sunday April 4.

While on the subject of country soccer, the country championships have been given a boost by Albury-Wodonga's entry this year. This area has many fine junior teams and they will provide stiff competition for all other country associations.

Robin Fitzgerald has been appointed president of the Shepparton Junior Soccer Association.

Already he has selected his coaches for that area's representative squads. Among them is Reno Lia, whose name is synonymous with Victorian soccer and a household name in the Goulburn Valley region.

Fitzgerald and his committee have to cope with a healthy increase in the number of junior players in their area.

Dick and Nance Bosma are two tried and true workers for the advancement of soccer in the Latrobe Valley.

This pair will be all out to win the four country championship trophies up for grabs this year. I wish them well.

Mike Lynn seeks club

Fawcner and its successful coach Mike Lynn parted company only a week before the Victorian season started.

Lynn had led Fawcner to promotion from Third to First Division in two successive seasons.

He had a short coaching stint with Albion Rovers a few years earlier, before moving temporarily to Sydney.

Lynn, 32, who holds the senior coaching badge, was a striker with Ringwood-Wilhelmina and Croydon City. He was with Wolverhampton Wanderers in England.

Clubs interested in appointing Lynn may contact him on 341 5368 (work) or 329 0283 (home).

Need a goalie?

St Albans Dinamo keeper Wally Bryden is seeking a new club.

The former Altona City, Kellor Austria and Kellor City keeper can be contacted, after hours, on 370 2223.

Bullen State coach



New VWSA state coach Ray Bullen (extreme right) holds a tactics talk during state team training. The attentive squad includes Kim Coates, Gail McQuarrie, Tracey Hodge, Debra Smith, Caroline Monk, Andy Delves, Janette Melvin, Bev Chapman, Margie Rust, Margaret Ray, Alletta Squillecotti, Poppy Athanasiadis, Andy Martin, Michelle Brown, J. Rappal, Karen Hume, Liz Malloy, Jackie Goodman, Tracey Sunderland, Tania Malishov, Koula Kolivas, Heather Allen.

Women's soccer with POPPY ATHANASIADIS



Victoria over the years has been criticised as not being the team that it really is. A lot of questions have arisen as to why this has occurred but unfortunately no solutions have been formulated.

Could Ray Bullen be the answer? Bullen was elected last week by the Victorian Women's Soccer Association as state coach for 1982. The VWSA was very pleased that such a competent person filled the position.

Victorian women's soccer can't afford to have a bad reputation, however, some feel it justifiably deserves it. The Vics always have been the ones to possess the potential and talent but who has seen it?

Maybe, now with Bullen as state coach the true character of the Victorians will be revealed. Only time will tell. Bullen is a new face in Victorian women's soccer as he only has been in Australia since November. He is in our country on business but doesn't hesitate to make soccer a major contributor to his business.

Bullen's involvement in women's soccer is not a recent one. It goes back 7-8 years ago when he started coaching teams in England. Like every male coach he considered it a challenge to be able to coach a women's team.

He was invited to coach Gallaher's women's soccer team which was dissatisfied with its management at the time. He was appointed mid-season and under his coaching the team achieved commendable results by winning the League, Cup, and another trophy.

After, he felt that he missed playing the game he always loved and returned to playing. He joined Willstone men's team and played as goalkeeper. He wanted to continue being involved in women's teams so he formed Willstone Ladies who won a trophy under his guidance. Once Willstone was established he tried to promote women's soccer even further.

He did this by forming another team, Northwood. During this time Bullen's success was well known. Other avenues opened for him and he was approached to coach Queens Park Rangers Ladies. Without hesitation, he accepted. Along with Southampton, QPR was one of the top teams in England.

"It was good to coach a team such as QPR. I found I wasn't teaching them the basics of soccer but rather more advanced aspects of play," said Bullen. Remarkably Southampton Ladies had been champions for seven years running.

At the end of 1979 Ray coached Bracknell Ladies who won the Home Country League under Bullen's coaching.

Coaching ladies' teams can be quite a challenge to many males but when a coach has achieved such outstanding results it also becomes very rewarding.

Success has been Bullen's wayover the years and it has been maintained through his determination to stress the importance of professionalism and discipline.

Discipline is a major factor in Ray's coaching. "If no discipline is enforced, even at training, then how can one enforce it at competitive level? A player without discipline is affected in his playing ability and therefore cannot perform to his fullest. When one is disciplined he learns to cope with difficult conditions but importantly to be able to undertake pressure," said Bullen.

He is a dedicated coach and has the personality for the job. He also has the record. But most of all he has ambition and ability to be the winning coach at the Australian Championships in Brisbane. Ray Bullen is blunt. He's his own man. His strength is his coaching ability.

He feels that women's soccer should be promoted as an independent sport rather than being promoted alongside the men's game. "I want the public to be aware that women's soccer exists and for people to consider the girls to be serious participants of such a universal sport."

"I will try to do my best to promote the game here in Victoria in the best possible way. I will endeavour to approach TV, magazines, newspapers and sponsors to give the players of Victoria credit for the efforts they maintain to keep soccer on the move."

The VWSA welcomes Bullen and hopes that success will result

TA NEA TON OMAΔON ΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

ΚΑΛΗ Η ΕΜΦΑΝΙΣΗ ΤΟΥ ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΛΟΚ

Παίζοντας εντός έδρας το Μορντιάλλοκ με το ισχυρό Ρίνγουντ, πήρε Ισοπαλία 2-2 με τα δύο θύματα.

Η έλληνηκή μας ομάδα που φέτος παίζει στην Β' κατηγορία του Μετροπόλιταν Λήγκ προηγείται δύο φορές στο σκόρ. Στο 1' μέ τον Κοντίσι αλλά οι γηπεδούχοι Ισοφάρισαν στο 20' για να πετύχει και δεύτερο τέρμα ο Σπαίρος στο 35'.

Με την έναρξη όμως του Β' μέρους ο γνωστός μας Γκίλαν Ισοφάρισε και πάλι για το Ρίνγουντ.

Το παιχνίδι γενικά ήταν μοιρασμένο και η άμυνα του Μορντιάλλοκ πολύ καλή με πρώτο πικνίτ τον Τσιτάσια τον οποίο ο Άνκο - λοβόσαν σε απόδοση οι Κοντίσι και Ζορζοβίλης.

Το Μορντιάλλοκ έπαιξε με τους Νικόπουλο Καραβασίλη, Λάμπρου, Ραϊή, Τσιτάσια, Ζορζοβίλη, Διαμαντόπουλο (46' Μιχαλόπουλο), Κοντίσι, Πάπα, Σπαίρ, Καραβούλη (Αναστασιάδη).

ΠΕΡΦΗΜΗ Η Ν. ΕΛΛΑΣ 3 - 2 ΤΟ ΕΛΘΑΜ

Με 'πέντε παίκτες από την ομάδα των Ισρη δων, η Ν. ΕΛΛΑΣ έκανε μια άκρως καλή εμφάνιση στο γήπεδο της καλ πήρε δίκαια την νίκη από το 'Ελθαμ με 3-2.

Το σκόρ άνοιξε στο 5' ο Πήτερσον και το 'Ελθαμ Ισοφάρισε για να λήξει το Α' μέρος Ισοπαλία 1-1.

Στο Β' ημίχρονο η ομάδα του Πόρτ Μέλμπουρν με άλλα δύο τέρματα που πέτυχε ο διακριθείς Πήτερσον σιγουρέψε την νίκη της. Μετά το 3-1 χάθηκαν πολλές ευκαιρίες από την έλληνηκή ομάδα, αντίθετα με το 'Ελθαμ που μείωσε την διαφορά σε 3-2 το οποίο ήταν και το τελικό αποτέλεσμα.

Η Ν. ΕΛΛΑΣ έπαιξε με τους Καραμολύση, Χατζηπαναγιώτου, Παγάνη, Πασιανό, Δούκα, Κωστόπουλο, Παλατισίδη, Πήτερσον, Χαμακινιώτη, Γκέσιο και Μίετ.

Η Β' ομάδα της Ν. ΕΛΛΑΣ νίκησε την αντίστοιχη του 'Ελθαμ με 6-1. Τα γκολ πέτυχε ο Σκακλάσης 2, Κερετζίδης, Κοτζίμιαχλης, Τσούτρας και Βάσης.

ΝΕΟΣ ΘΡΙΑΣΣΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΔΟΣΑΣ ΓΙΑΡΡΑΒΙΑ

3-0 ΤΟ ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ ΜΕ ΓΚΟΛ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΠΑΧΡΙΣΤΟΔΟΥΛΟΥ

Περφόνη η Δόξα Γιάρραβιλ πέτυχε τον δεύτερο κατά σειρά θριαμβό της στο πρωτάθλημα της Β' κατηγορίας του Προβελιωνάλ Λήγκ με καθαρή νίκη εντός έδρας επί του ισχυρού Μάλβερν Σίτυ 3-0.

Το μικρό έλληνοκί ντέρμπι ήταν πάρα πολύ καλό και με πλούσιες φάσεις. Το ότι έδωκε οι παίκτες έπαιξαν μέσα σε άρτια πλαίσια είναι κάτι που τιμάει τους ίδιους αλλά και τα Δ. Συμβούλια των δύο ομάδων.

Στο Α' μέρος οι δύο αντίπαλοι μοιράστηκαν την υπεροχή και είχαν από μια εύκαιρία ο καθ' ένας.

Στο 32' ο Μελέτης από κοντά άσπασε και στο 39' το Μάλβερν έφτασε κοντά στο γκολ αλλά ο Δημητρίου πρόλαβε και απέκρουσε επάνω στην γραμμή του τέρματος.

Στην επανάληψη η Δόξα Γιάρραβιλ ήταν καλύτερη από την γηπεδούχο.

Στο 52' ο Χύτας έπιασε δυνατό σουτ, η μπάλα κτύπησε στο οριζόντιο δοκάρι πήρε ύψος και στην έπιστροφή της ο Τζιμ Παπαχριστοδούλου που πριν δύο λεπτά είχε χάσει κλασσική ευκαιρία, βρήκε τον δρόμο για τα δόκτια.

Η συνέχεια ήταν εύκολη και στο 65' πάλι ο Παπαχριστοδούλου από κοντά έφτιαξε το 2-0 και λίγο μετά με ωραίο σουτ από άριστερα κάρφωσε την μπάλα στα δόκτια του Μάλβερν για τρίτη φορά.

Από την ομάδα της Δόξας δεν υστέρησε κανένας και όλα τα παιδιά έδωσαν τον καλύτερο έαυτο τους για την νίκη.

Στο Β' μέρος πήραν όλοι άριστα για την απόδοσή τους.

Από το Μάλβερν διακρίναμε ένα γενικό πείσιμο της ομάδας στο Β' μέρος όπου έχασε και τον αγώνα.

Η διαίτησία του κ. JOHN TEDDER ήταν άριστη, βαθμοί 10

παίχης, Ντ. Αποστολίδης, Δημητρίου, Τ. Αμανάτσης, Πετρίδης, Νικολαΐδης, Καλλιπολίτης, Χύτας, Ν. Μελέτης, Τ. Καλλιπολίτης (Γιάτας ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ: Μακέν, Παπαδόπουλος, Τσώμος, Λιαρόκος, Πατρίδης, Λιούλιος, Παπατεργιάδης, Ν. Παλαμάρας, Γεωργιάδης, Λιούλιος, Ζέρβας.

Η Β' ομάδα της Δόξας που προπονή ο Βαγγέλης Τερζάκης με επιτυχία, νίκησε την αντίστοιχη του Μάλβερν με 2-1.

Με την Δόξα δεν αγωνίστηκε ο τραυματίας Τερζάκης.

ΟΙ ΙΣΡΗΔΕΣ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ

Το κύπελλο στο θερινό τουρνουά του Μορντιάλλοκ κέρδισαν οι Ισρηδες του Μάλβερν Σίτυ αφού νίκησαν στον τελικό την ομάδα του Σπρίνγκβιλ με 2-1 και με γκολ των Καρακίστα και Τσιράνη.

ΠΥΘΑΓΟΡΑΣ - ΜΙΑΤΜΑΝ 2-2

Παρά το ότι ο Πυθαγόρας προηγήθηκε επί του Μπάτμαν με 2-0 και με τέρματα του διακριθέντος Γιάννη Σάλτη, τελικά παρέχώρησε Ισοπαλία 2-2.

Η Β' ομάδα έφερε Ισοπαλία 2-2.

"ΕΛΛΑΣ - ΧΑΚΟΑ" - ΚΡΟΥΤΟΝ 1-0

Καλύτερη η ΕΛΛΑΣ - ΧΑΚΟΑ σε όλο σχεδόν το διάστημα της συνάντησης με το Κρόυτον πήρε δίκαια την πρώτη της νίκη στο πρωτάθλημα του Στάιτ Λήγκ με 1-0.

Το μοναδικό τέρμα πέτυχε ο Καλαφτιδής στο 82'.

Καλύτεροι από την Ώλάς ήταν οι Τσιγγάρας, Ιορδάνου, Χάννα, Τούτσων και Καλαμπόκης.

Η σύνθεση: Τσιγγάρας, Τροφινάκης, Ντ. Νταϊνβινσον, Ιορδάνου, Χάννα, Τούτσων, Κάμινγκ Τ. Ουέν, Πουέιστερ, Αμπράχαμ (70' Καλαφτιδής) Κωνσταντίνος. Ο Καλαμπόκης μπήκε στο 65' για τον Ρουέιστερ.

5-0 ΤΟ ΟΚΛΑ ΣΤΟ ΜΟΥΡΟΥΑΜΙΑΡΚ

Μεγάλη νίκη πέτυχε το 'Οκλα εντός έδρας επί του Μούρουαμιαρκ με 5-0.

Το καθαρό αυτό σκόρ τά λέει όλα, ότι η ομάδα του 'Οκλα θα είναι και φέτος η πρωταγωνίστρια στο πρωτάθλημα της Α' κατηγορίας του Μετροπόλιταν Λήγκ.

Τα γκολ πέτυχαν οι Τζιτζής 3, Πεχλιβανίδης και ένα εις βάρος τους οι αντίπαλοι μετά σουτ του Τζιτζή στο 80'.

Γενικά η ομάδα του 'Οκλα πήρε δίκαια την νίκη που λίγη προσοχή θα μπορούσε να ήταν μεγαλύτερη.

Εσχάρσαν οι Πέτρου, Στογιάννου, Τζιτζής και ο καλύτερος του γηπέδου Παβλος Πεχλιβανίδης.

Το 'Οκλα έπαιξε με τους Πέτρου, Λουκά, Πεχλιβανίδη, Κριβάρη, Μπατικινίδο, Στογιάννου Γ. Καμπυλάκη, Κοντοκώστα, Παπατοιά (70' Β. Καμπυλάκης), Τζιτζής, Στογιαννίδης (60' Νταντάκης).

Η Β' ομάδα έφερε Ισοπαλία 2-2 με τέρματα του Ληο Στεργίου που θα επανέλθει σύντομα στην τακτική ένδεκάδα.

ΤΟ ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ ΣΕ ΝΕΟ ΓΗΠΕΔΟ

Από το Σάββατο 3' Απριλίου 1982 το ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ ΣΙΤΥ θα αγωνίζεται στο καινούργιο γήπεδο που του παρεχώρησε η Δημορχία του Μάλβερν και που είναι στον ίδιο χώρο του Κοβιόνγκ Πάρκ. Το δέ γήπεδο το οποίο χρησιμοποιούσε έως τώρα θα το έχει σαν βοηθητικό.

Ο δήμαρχος του Μάλβερν κάνοντας τα έγκαινα το νέου πάρκου τόνισε για την ομάδα του ποδοσφαίρου Μάλβερν το οποίο στα τελευταία χρόνια σημειώνει επιτυχία.



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